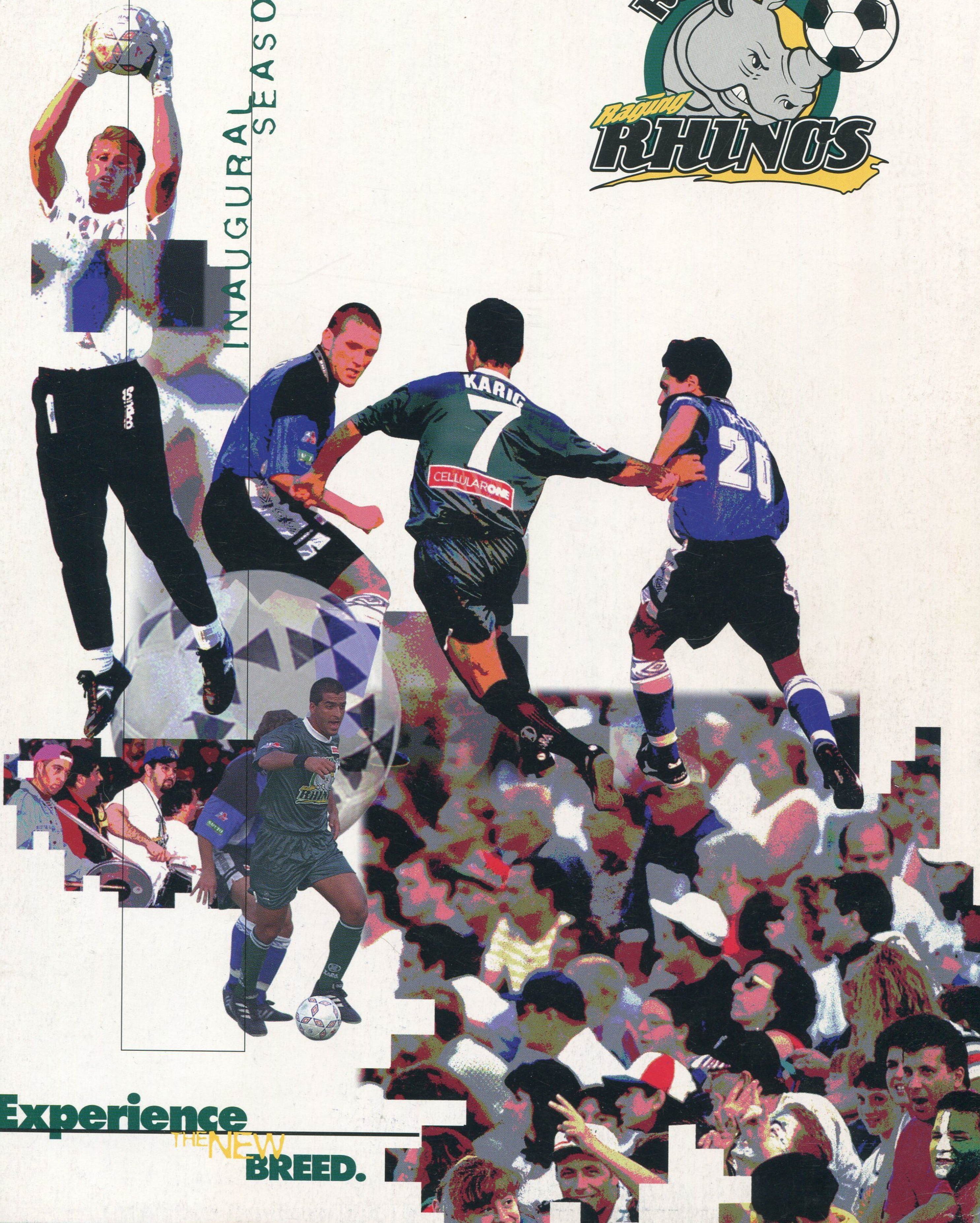
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When Andrew A. Langston was growing up in Georgia, he used to caddie at a local golf course. He observed how the men would swing the club, chip around the greens and line up their putts to finish the hole out. To this day, Langston uses that power of observation to help his golf game (he's a scratch golfer), and teach a very important lesson to today's youth.

Langston, owner of Rochester radio station WDKX-FM, is a firm believer that sports has a positive effect on youth. That's why he is excited that professional soccer is back in town, and he wholeheartedly supports the Rochester Raging Rhinos of the American Professional Soccer League.

"I'm glad that the Rhinos are here in Rochester," says Langston. "It's another sporting and entertainment alternative for the kids in the summertime. The lesson I try to tell the kids is if you watch a game long enough, then you can do it. I really believe that with all of the kids playing soccer in the area, the city of Rochester will embrace the Rhinos and welcome pro soccer back."

Langston, who named his radio station after Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, – WDKX – is a firm believer that giving back to the community is priority number one for all of his businesses, especially the radio station. After 22 years on the air, WDKX is a leader among the local media in providing community support in Rochester.

"I love when the different communities of this area mix together in an atmosphere of fun and partnership," continues Langston. "Soccer is a world-wide sport, the one game in the world that really brings everyone together for the good of the game. I know that kids of all races and backgrounds will be attending Rhino games this summer. More importantly, the Rhinos are making a commitment back to the community by reaching out with their players and staff by holding clinics and games for the kids. It's another outlet in the city for kids to use their energy in a positive way."

WDKX and the Rhinos will partner this summer in many projects aimed at youth soccer and the involvement of people of all colors. Soccer is a team sport, and what better game to show that if you work together, good things will happen.

"Everyone can learn to play – if you listen, practice and keep the mind and body in shape, only positive things will come from the experience," says Langston. "The players on the Rhinos, they know that practice and positive thoughts only help their game. That is what they need to teach the kids."

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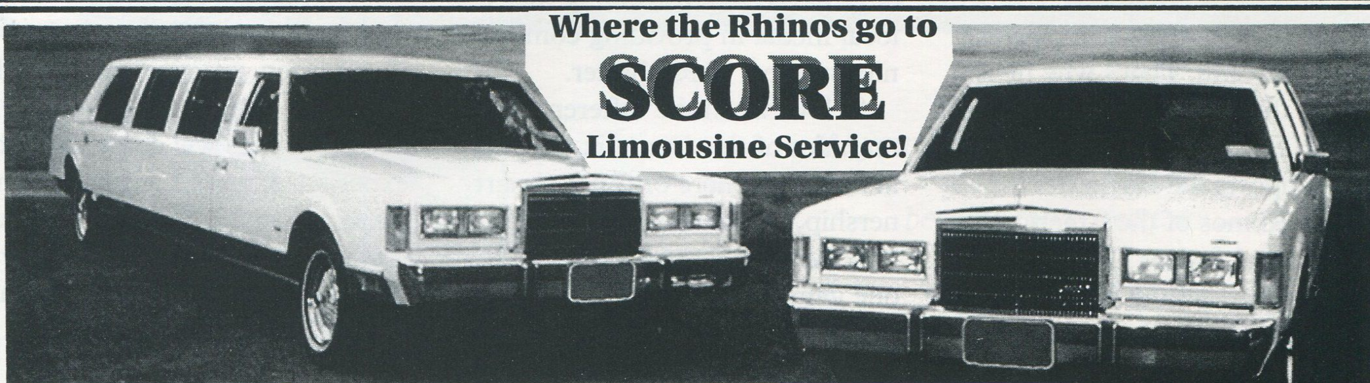
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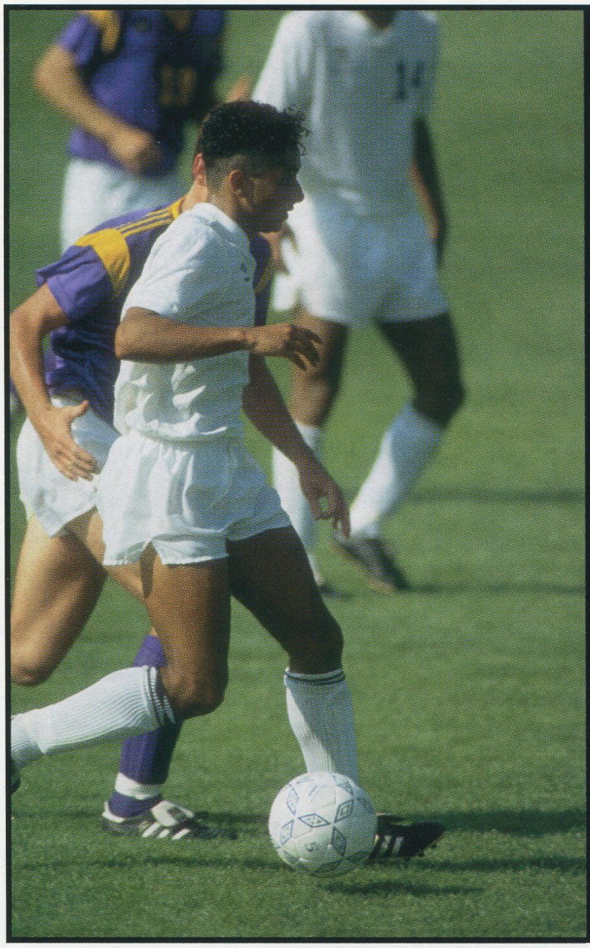
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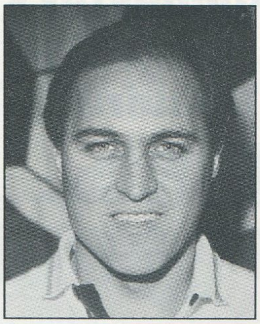
VICE-PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER

Chris Economides

Chris Economides returns to the game of professional soccer in his hometown as Vice-President and General Manager of the Rhinos. Economides has teamed with Steve Donner and Frank DuRoss as owners of the A-League expansion franchise, and he brings to the team a soccer background and ownership experience.

Economides previously was co-owner of the Kansas City Attack of the indoor NPSL for two seasons, 1991-92 and 1992-93. The Attack captured the NPSL championship in 1992-93, finishing a successful regular season and defeating Cleveland 3-2 in the finals before 12,000 in Kemper Arena

A native of Rochester, Chris graduated from MCC and Eastridge High School. He has owned various restaurants in the area while pursuing his soccer dream. Chris, his wife Donna and their two sons are active in youth soccer, hockey and baseball.



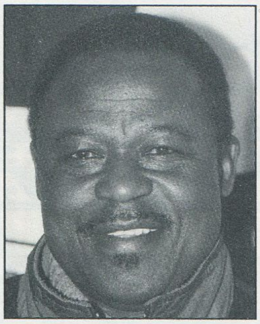
HEAD COACH

Pat Ercoli

Guiding the Rhinos in their inaugural season of A-League play is Pat Ercoli, a 37 year-old native of Toronto who is no stranger to Rochester soccer fans. Ercoli starred for the Rochester Lancers of the NASL for three seasons (1978-80), where his hard work and tenacious play made him a fan favorite. He will bring that same philosophy to the Rhinos as he prepares the expansion club for its first season.

Ercoli began his professional soccer career with Toronto Italia (NSL) in 1976 before moving to the Toronto Castors the following season, winning a championship. While playing the next three seasons with the Lancers, Ercoli adopted the indoor game as well, playing for the New York Arrows of the MISL. Ercoli also played with Detroit, Buffalo and Baltimore in the MISL before closing his ten-year professional career with the Cleveland Force. He captured three MISL division championships and one overall league title while with Baltimore.

Since his retirement from the pro game, Ercoli has lived in Rochester with his wife Karen and four children while entering private business. He kept active in soccer by coaching youth leagues, and has spent time as an assistant coach with Finger Lakes Community College and Monroe Community College.



ASSISTANT COACH

Frank Odoi

Former Lancer Frank Odoi rejoins teammate Pat Ercoli in the Rhinos first season of A-League play as assistant coach. A popular soccer figure in the city of Rochester, Odoi played nine seasons with the Lancers from 1970 through 1978, helping Rochester to the NASL championship in 1970. The native of Ghana, Africa has played against such stars as Pele (Brazil), Johann Cruff (Holland), Eusebio (Portugal), George Best (England) and Franz Beckenbauer (Germany) during his 18-year pro career.

Odoi began his professional career in Ghana, where he played for the National Team and represented Ghana in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He was selected as the best player in Tunis in 1965 as Ghana captured the African Cup. Drafted by by the Washington Whips of the NASL in 1966, Odoi came to the United States in 1968 and played for the Whips that season before moving to the Syracuse Scorpions in 1969. Odoi was the Lancers MVP for the 1974 and 1975 seasons, playing both the forward and midfield positions.

Odoi recently was assistant soccer coach at Brockport State, and he has coached many championship youth soccer teams in the area during the past years.


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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CENTER – Passing the ball from a wide position on the field into the penalty area.

CHARGING – Pushing the opponent off balance illegally by shoulder to shoulder contact.

CHIP – A high, soft kick taken to lift the ball over the heads of the opponents.

CLEAR – A throw or kick by the goalkeeper or a kick by the defender in an attempt to get the ball away from the goal area.

CROSS – Same type of pass as the center pass.

DEFENDER – Primarily a defensive player who assists the goalkeeper in protecting the goal.

DRIBBLE – A way of advancing the ball past defenders by a series of short taps with one or both feet.

FORWARD – Primarily an atttacking player whose responsibility is to create and score goals.

GOALKEEPER - The last line of defense. The only player who can use his hands within the field of play. He is limited to using his hands only within the penalty area.

HALF-VOLLEY – Kicking the ball just as it is rebounding off the ground.

HANDS - Illegal act of intentionally touching the ball with hands or arms.

HEADING – A method of scoring, passing, and controlling the ball by making contact with the head.

MARKING – Guarding an opponent.

OBSTRUCTING – Preventing the opponent from going around a player by standing in his path.

OVERLAP – The attacking play of a defender going down the touchline past his own winger.

PITCH – Another name for the field of play.

SAVE – The goalkeeper stopping an attempted goal by catching or deflecting the ball away from the goal.

SCREEN – Retaining possession and protecting the ball by keeping your body between the ball and the opponent.

SLIDING TACKLE – Attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.

STRIKER – A central forward position on the team with a major responsibility for scoring goals.

SWEEPER - A defender who roams either in front or behind the defender line to pick up stray passes.

TACKLING - Attempting to or taking the ball away from an opponent when both players are playing the ball with their feet.

TRAP – Controlling a passed ball by means of the feet, thighs of chest.

VOLLEY – Kicking the ball while it is in flight.

WALL PASS – A pass to a teammate followed by a first time return pass on the other side of the opponent. Also known as a "give and go".

WING – An area of the field near the touchline.

WINGER - Name given to the right and left outside forwards.

ROCHESTER RHINOS
1996 PLAYER PERSONNEL

NO.	NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	DOB	COUNTRY	LAST CLUB
0	Rett Thompson	GK	6-4	200	11/17/69	USA	Wisconsin-Big 10
1	Bill Andracki	GK	6-0	185	5/25/69	USA	Chicago-NPSL
2	Marco Rizi	D	6-1	190	9/15/68	USA	Buffalo-NPSL
3	Tim Ashe	D	6-0	170	2/7/70	USA	University of Buffalo
4	Leon Minott	D	5-7	150	6/19/69	USA	Jamaican National Team
5	Yuri Smotrich	D	6-2	180	6/5/62	Ukraine	Chernomorets-Ukraine First Div.
6	Rene Rivas	D	6-2	180	10/18/68	Brazil	S.C. Campomaier-Portugal
7	Zoran Karic	M	5-9	160	8/1/61	USA	Cleveland-NPSL
8	Tommy Tanner	M	5-8	150	5/10/68	USA	Cleveland-NPSL
9	Danny Kelly	M	5-9	160	3/7/69	USA	Harrisburg-NPSL
10	Yogi McKay	M	5-8	160	6/16/65	USA	Buffalo-NPSL
11	Kofi Debrah	F	5-8	160	8/6/71	Ghana	Goldfields-Ghanaian 1st Division
12	Gustavo Romanello	F	6-0	170	9/11/72	USA	Inter de Tijuana-Mexican First Div.
14	Gustavo Villagra	M	6-1	180	2/13/70	Argentina	Inter de Tijuana-Mexican First Div.
15	Howard Allen	F	5-9	170	2/17/68	USA	Roberts Wesleyan
16	Chris Kennell	D	6-1	175	8/7/69	USA	Hawaii-USISL
17	Fuseini Dauda	F	6-2	185	5/29/75	Canada	Montreal-CSL
18	Carl Hopfinger	F	5-10	175	2/4/68	USA	Michigan State
19	Doug Miller	F	5-8	155	5/5/69	USA	Cleveland-NPSL
20	Ken Tometsko	M	6-2	180	5/9/70	USA	Cornell-Ivy League
21	Hector Marinaro	M	5-9	155	12/6/64	USA	Cleveland-NPSL
22	Darrell Stuart	F	5-6	160	5/16/67	USA	St. John Fisher College

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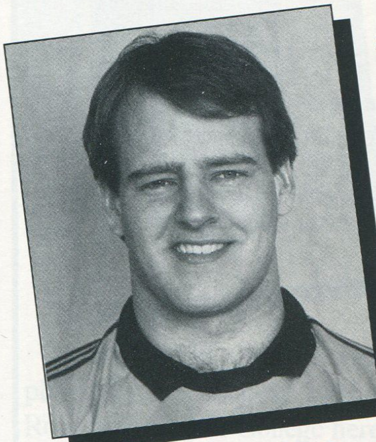
ASSISTANT COACH: Frank Odoi
HEAD TRAINER: Craig Rand

1996 ROCHESTER RHINOS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPON.	SITE	TIME
Fri., May 10	**New York Fever**	Fauver Stadium	8:00 pm
Fri., May 31	**Seattle Sounders**	Fauver Stadium	7:35 pm
Sun., June 9	at Montreal Impact	in Quebec City	4:00 pm
Sat., June 15	**Montreal Impact**	Fauver Stadium	7:35 pm
Fri., June 21	**Vancouver 86'ers**	Fauver Stadium	7:35 pm
Thu., June 27	at Colorado Foxes	Mile High Grey. Pk	9:30 pm
Sat., June 29	at Seattle Sounders	Memorial Stadium	10:00 pm
Fri., July 5	at Vancouver 86'ers	Swangard Stadium	10:30 pm
Sun., July 7	at Altanta Ruckus	Adams Stadium	7:30 pm
Wed., July 10	at Montreal Impact	Claude-Robillard Ctr.	7:30 pm
Fri., July 12	**Montreal Impact**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Sat., July 13	vs. New York Fever	Hershey, Pa.	7:30 pm
Fri., July 19	**New York Fever**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Fri., July 26	**Atlanta Ruckus**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Sat., Aug. 3	**Seattle Sounders**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Wed., Aug. 7	**Vancouver 86'ers**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Sat., Aug. 10	**New York Fever**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Wed., Aug. 14	at Seattle Sounders	Memorial Stadium	10:00 pm
Fri., Aug. 16	at Vancouver 86'ers	Swangard Stadium	10:30 pm
Sun., Aug. 18	at Colorado Foxes	Mile High Grey. Pk	7:30 pm
Wed., Aug. 21	**Colorado Foxes**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Sat., Aug. 24	at Atlanta Ruckus	Adams Stadium	7:30 pm
Sun., Aug. 25	**New York Fever**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Fri., Aug. 30	**Atlanta Ruckus**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Sun., Sept. 1	at Atlanta Ruckus	Adams Stadium	7:30 pm
Wed., Sept. 4	at Montreal Impact	Claude-Robillard Ctr.	7:30 pm
Sat., Sept. 7	**Montreal Impact**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm
Fri., Sept. 13	**Colorado Foxes**	Frontier Field	7:35 pm

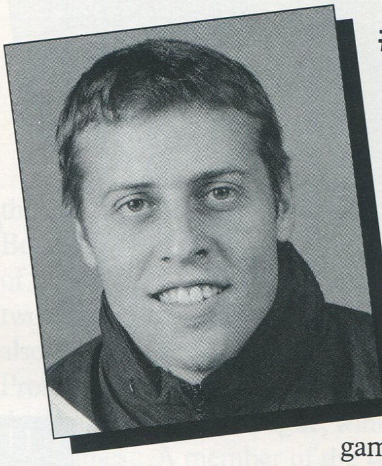


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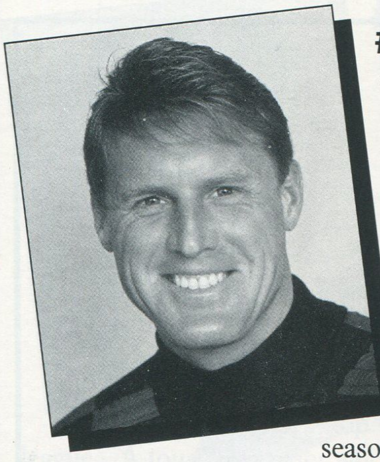
#0 RETT THOMPSON
GOALKEEPER
6'4" 200
Born: November 17, 1969
Rochester, NY

Rett Thompson is a Rochester native… He played his high school soccer at Pittsford Sutherland, where he was an All-County goalkeeper in his junior and senior year…He established a team record for shutouts in one season at Sutherland…Rett played his college soccer at Wisconsin in the Big Ten.



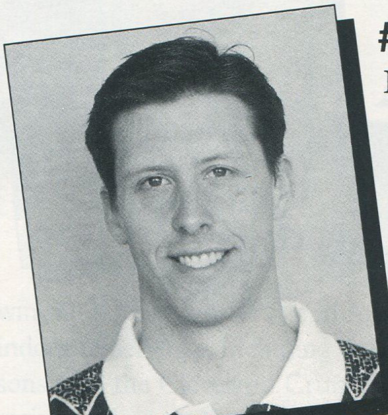
#2 MARCO RIZI
DEFENDER
6'1" 190
Born: September 15, 1968
Montreal, Quebec

A member of the last two A-League champions – Montreal Impact in 1994 and the Seattle Sounders in 1995…Played one game for the Buffalo Blizzard of the NPSL last winter before breaking his leg, side-lining him for the rest of the season…Has four seasons of indoor experience, including the last two seasons with the Blizzard…From 1988 to 1992 Marco played for the Montreal Spura of the outdoor Canadian Soccer League.



#1 BILLY ANDRACKI
GOALKEEPER
6'0" 185
Born: May 25, 1969
Prince William, VA

Three years experi-ence in the A-League with Tampa Bay and Atlanta…Led Atlanta to the A-League championship game last season…In 1992, Andracki was named the A-League's First Team All-Star goalkeeper when he led Tampa Bay to the A-League championship game…He also captured the league's Rookie-of-the-Year and Goalkeeper-of-the-Year awards and was named *Soccer Digest's* Player-of-the-Year that season…Billy also has extensive indoor experience as well, splitting time between Tampa and Chicago last winter…
Andracki was an NCAA All-American while at Rutgers University, leading the Scarlet Knights to the NCAA championship game his senior season…He was a college roommate of U.S. Olympic Team star Alexi Lalas while at Rutgers. In less than two years, Billy played in the NCAA, A-League and NPSL championship games…last name pronounced an-DRACK-ee.



#3 TIM ASHE
DEFENDER
6'0" 170
Born: February 7, 1970
Rochester, NY

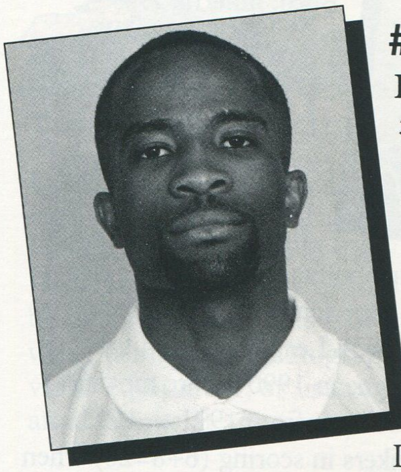
A product of the Mavericks youth soccer organization here in Rochester, Tim played his high school soccer at Hilton, where he was twice a First Team All-County selection and Second Team All-Greater Rochester during his junior and senior seasons…Ashe began his college career at Geneseo State where he was named SUNYAC Player of the Year his sophomore season…Ashe concluded his career at the University of Buffalo…Last summer Tim played for Team Lapine, where he has helped the club to the United States Amateur Cup Finals in Indianapolis.

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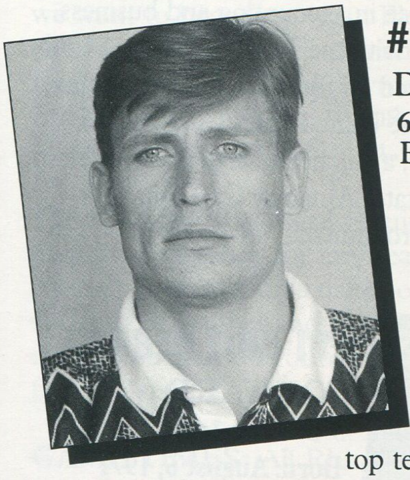
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#4 LEON MINOTT

DEFENDER
5'7"   150
Born: June 19, 1969
St. Catharine, Jamaica

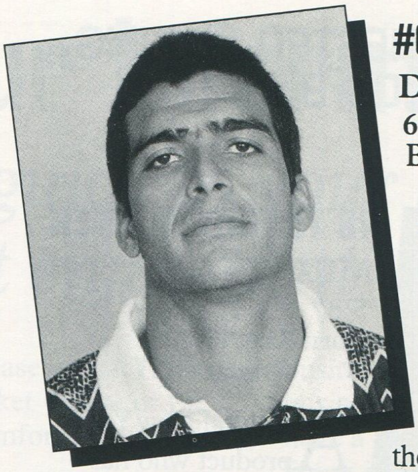
Minott was a member of Team Lapine that reached the U.S. Amateur Cup Finals last summer in Indianapolis…Is one of many Rhinos with international experience, having played for the Jamaican National Team…A graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College here in Rochester, Leon was a four-year starter at Roberts, achieving All-American honors three times… Minott was named All-Conference and All-New York State his senior season…last name pronounced "min-NOT."



#5 YURI SMOTRICH

DEFENDER
6'2"   180
Born: June 5, 1962
Ukraine

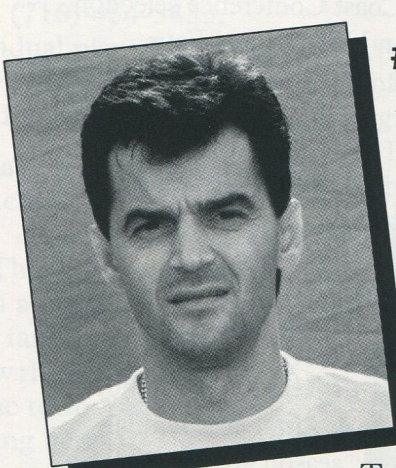
Yuri has thirteen years of professional soccer, most with Chernomorets in the Ukrainian First Division, one of the top teams in the Ukrainian league…A tough defender who will lend his international experience to the back line…Has played throughout Asia, Africa and Europe during tours with the Chernomorets club…Also played in the Czechoslovakian First Division during his career…Played for the Ukrainian Junior National Team when he was younger…Yuri and his wife Natalie have a young daughter named Katherine.



#6 RENE RIVAS

DEFENDER
6'2"   180
Born: October 18, 1968
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

This is Rene's first team in the United States, expecting to play the sweeper position for Coach Ercoli…Rivas helped S.C. Campomaior capture the Portugal Professional League championship last season…The year before the club finished in seventh place…Scored the only goal in Botafogo's 1-0 win over Corinthian in the playoff semi-finals of the Brazilian Cup in 1992…A regular with Botafogo for two seasons, one of Brazil's best professional clubs…Has also played for America and Sao Cristovao in the Brazilian Professional League…Played four seasons for Flamengo in the Brazilian Junior League, winning the championship three times…A member of the Brazilian National Junior Team in 1984…Took the 1989-90 season off to graduate from school…last name pronounced "REE-vaas."

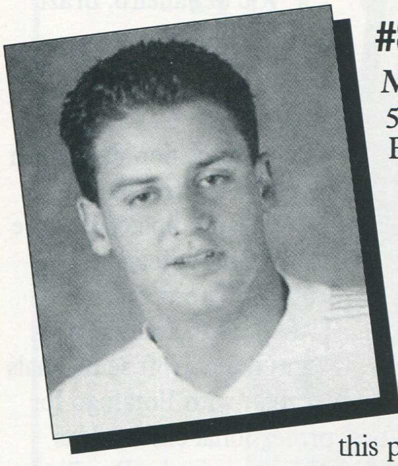


#7 ZORAN KARIC

MIDFIELDER
5'9"   160
Born: August 1, 1961
Kacarevo, Yugoslavia

A superb scorer, Zoran was second in the NPSL in scoring this season with 182 points… Was also named to the NPSL First All-Star Team…Helped the Crunch win the NPSL playoff title in April…Has nine seasons of indoor experience, including the last six and one-half seasons with the Cleveland Crunch…Karic led the NPSL in assists and was a First Team All-Star and Co-MVP of the All-Star game in 1994-95…1993-94 was a banner year for Zoran, as he was named the league's MVP, was a league First Team All-Star and led the circuit in points and assists, still the NPSL's all-time single season records…also was a First Team All-Star selection in 1992-93…Karic was the MISL's scoring champ (39+63=102) in 1991-92 with Cleveland, and he led the circuit in goals with 73 in 1990-91…Began his indoor career in San Diego in 1987-88, playing two and one-half seasons, winning the MISL championship in 1988 and 1989…Starred with international outdoor power Partizan Belgrade in Yugoslavia before heading to the United States…last name pronounced "CARE-itch."

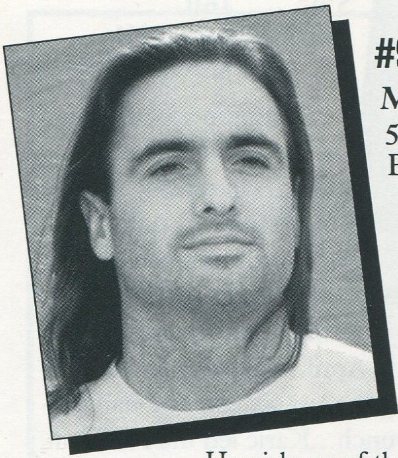
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#8 TOMMY TANNER

MIDFIELDER
5'8" 150
Born: May 10, 1968
Syracuse, NY

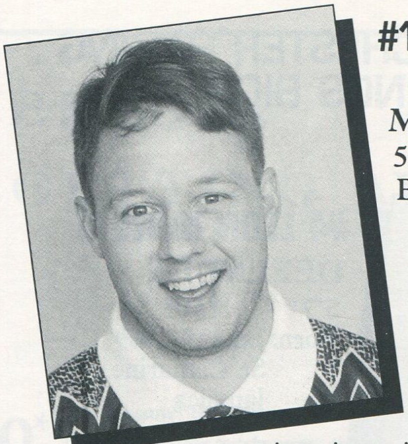
A Central New York product who has played five seasons in the NPSL with the Cleveland Crunch…Finished sixth in team scoring this past winter in helping Cleveland to the NPSL championship…Was the MISL's Rookie-of-the-Year during the 1991-92 season… A two-time Parade Magazine All-American at Syracuse Henninger High School…An All-New York State selection three times during his high school career… Attended North Carolina State University where he was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection… Tanner led the Wolfpack to an NCAA Final Four appearance his senior season.



#9 DANNY KELLY

MIDFIELDER
5'9" 160
Born: March 7, 1969 –
Bronx, NY

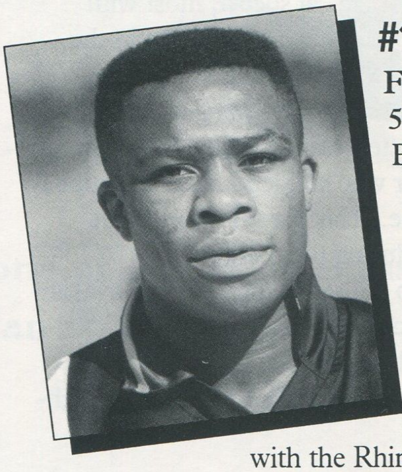
Scored the Rhinos' first ever regular-season goal in the team's inaugural match against the New York Fever…Played for Harrisburg of the NPSL this winter, leading the club in scoring with 58 goals and 34 assists, a career best…Danny was named to the NPSL All-Star Team for his performance over the winter…He began his indoor career with Harrisburg in 1991-92…Kelly spent the 1993 season with the San Diego Sockers…A four-year starter at Penn State, Kelly was a Freshman All-American for the Nittney Lions…Played his high school soccer at Clarkstown South High School in Nyack, New York…Currently resides in Harrisburg, PA.



#10 ANDREW "YOGI" McKAY

MIDFIELDER
5'8" 160
Born: June 16, 1965
Rochester, NY

First player signed to a professional contract by the Rhinos…Played last winter with the Buffalo Blizzard, scoring nine points in 24 games…Has seven years of professional experience, including four seasons of outdoor play in the A-League…Joined the Orlando Lions of the A-League in 1990 before moving over to the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers from 1991 to 1993… Yogi was second on the Strikers in scoring (6+8=20) when they captured the Northern Division championship… McKay began his indoor career in 1989 with the Dayton Dynamo of the NPSL…Played with Buffalo during the 1993-94 indoor season, took a year off, then rejoined the Blizzard this winter…Played his high school soccer at Greece Arcadia…An All-American at MCC, he continued his college career at Catawba College (NC), where he was a four-year starter and was named to the All-South-Atlantic Conference Team his senior season…Graduated from Catawba with a degree in accounting and business… After college, had a tryout with the Dundee Football Club in Scotland, where he played on their reserve team before pursuing a pro career in the United States…Played for Team Lapine last summer, a Rochester area amateur team that reached the United States Amateur Cup Final in Indianapolis…last name pronounced "mick-EYE."



#11 KOFI DEBRAH

FORWARD
5'8" 160
Born: August 6, 1971
Accra, Ghana

One of the top scorers in the Ghanaian Premier League with the club, Goldfields…Kofi is making his first appearance in America with the Rhinos this season…Despite his size, he is considered one of the premier finishers in all of African soccer.

For Your Information...

Rhino fan guide to your soccer game night enjoyment

CAMERAS: Fans may bring cameras or camcorders into Frontier Field for their personal use. However, we ask that you do not block anyone else's view of the game while using such photographic or video equipment, or use of flash attachments at any time.

FAN BEHAVIOR: Our code of behavior is simple - we would like you to enjoy the game in a manner that permits other fans around you to do the same. If your enjoyment is curtailed by rude behavior of fans near you, please report the problem to ushers or security personnel. If you are unsatisfied with the handling of a particular situation, we want to hear from you. Please call or write our offices, Rochester Raging Rhinos, 333 N. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N.Y., 14608. The phone number is (716) 454-KICK.

FIRST AID: For those requiring medical assistance for any reason, contact your section's usher or security personnel and they will escort you to the Frontier Field first aid station.

GAME TIMES: All Rhino home games will begin at 7:35 p.m., except for Sunday games, which begin at 7:05 p.m. The gates to Frontier Field open one hour before game time. Both teams have a 20 minute warm-up session about 40 minutes before each game.

GROUP TICKETS: The Rhinos have special discounts available for group and multi-game purchases. Contact the Rhinos Group Sales department at (716) 454-KICK.

HANDICAPPED SEATING: Handicapped seating is available at Frontier Field. Please contact either Frontier Field Ticket Office or the Rhinos office for information and assistance.

LOST AND FOUND: Contact the security person near your section and they will escort you to the Frontier Field offices.

MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: The Rhino offices are located on site at Frontier Field at 333 North Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N.Y., 14608. Our phone number is (716) 454-KICK, and our fax number is (716) 454-5453. Fan mail for individual players and coaches should be sent to them directly at that address.

Fans can also e-mail the Rhinos at info@rhinosoccer.com.

ON THE NET: The Rhinos are pleased to offer an attractive web site for our online fans. Check out the Rhinos at www.rhinosoccer.com and learn about the team, players and other interesting items.

RADIO COVERAGE: WBBF (AM-950) is the flagship station of the Rhinos Radio Network, which covers all home and away games. WBER (FM-90.5) will also carry all of the Rhinos games in their inaugural season. Don Stevens will be the play-by-play announcer, with Don Lalka providing the color commentary for all home games.

SOUVENIRS: Various merchandise items, including hats, t-shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts and other Rhino gifts can be purchased at souvenir stands around Frontier Field. In addition, souvenir items can be purchased at the Rhino business offices during regular business hours. The Rhinos also have a merchandise brochure outlining items that can be purchased through the mail. Write or call the team's offices for one.

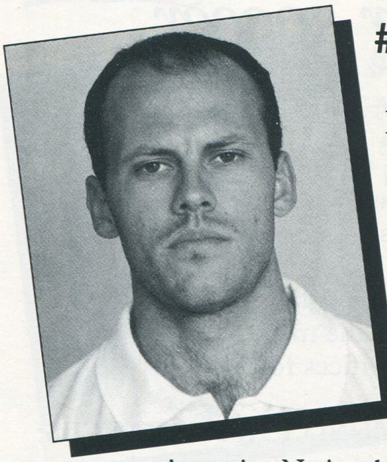
COMMUNITY APPEARANCES: The Rhinos welcome the chance to speak to your group. The team's public relations department schedules appearances by players, members of the front office and the team mascot. Contact the Rhinos public relations department for more information.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: Seven of the Rhinos 28 regular season games will be televised live on The Prime Network, which is carried by The Empire Sports Network in the Rochester area. The Prime Network will carry an A-League Game of the Week every Friday night during the summer. Most games will be carried live by the Empire Sports Network, with some games taped delayed.

TICKETS: Rhinos fans may purchase single-game seats at the Frontier Field Ticket Window, TicketExpress, located at 100 East Ave., the War Memorial Box Office (open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and all TicketMaster locations. To order by phone, call 222-5000 or 232-1900. Out of town fans can call 1-800-722-3939.

Tickets at Frontier Field are $15.00 (Premium), $12.00 (Upper-Center & Lower End), $10.00 (Upper End) and $8.00 (Upper Corner). Youth/Senior Citizen tickets are $7.00 for Premium seating and $5.00 for all other seating areas in Frontier Field.

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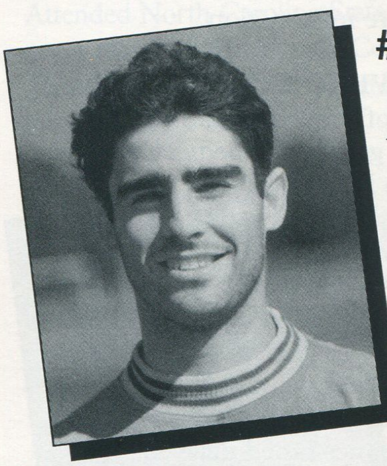
#12 GUSTAVO ROMANELLO

FORWARD

6'0" 170

Born: September 11, 1972
Rosario Santa Fe, Argentina

A native of Argentina, Gustavo has played in his home country and in Mexico…He was a member of the Argentina National Junior Team from 1991 to 1993…In 1993-94 Romanello played for Defensores Belgrano in the Argentinian Second Division…He played for Deportino Italiano (Second Division) in 1994-95…Last season Gustavo played for Inter de Tijuana in the Mexican First Division.



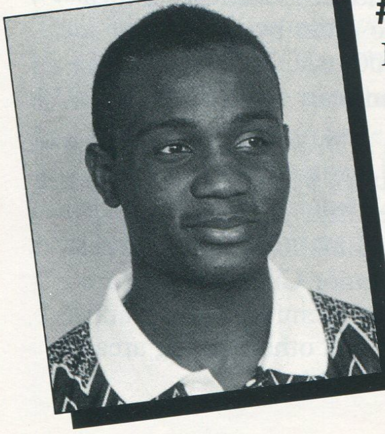
#14 GUSTAVO VILLAGRA

MIDFIELDER

6'1" 180

Born: February 13, 1970 –
S.S. Jujuy, Argentina

Gustavo played for Zuchitepeques in Guatemalan First Division in 1996…He played with Gustavo Romanello for Inter de Tijuana in the Mexican First Division in 1995-96…He also played with Romanello for Deportino Italiano in the Argentinian Second Division from 1993 through 1995…He had a brief stop in 1993 with Coquinero (Chile) of the First Division…Gustavo began his career in 1988 in the Argentinian Junior leagues.



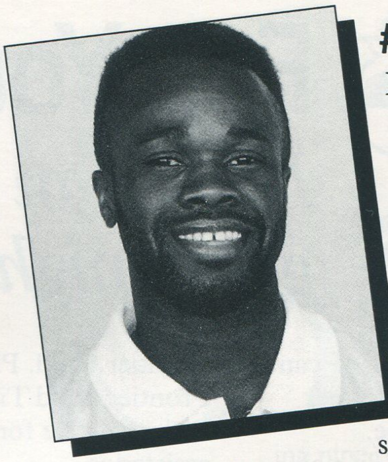
#17 FUSEINI DAUDA

FORWARD

6'2" 185

Born: May 29, 1970
Ghana

Will see plenty of action at the Striker position for the Rhinos…Played for Montreal in the CSL last summer…One of the bigger players in the league…Known as (Fu-SEE-nee).



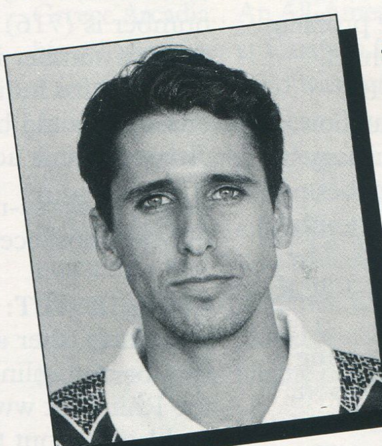
#15 HOWARD ALLEN

FORWARD

5'9" 170

Born: February 17, 1968
Kingston, Jamaica

A four-year starter at Roberts Wesleyan College where he had 42 career goals…Named the team's most valuable player in his junior season after leading the team in scoring with 20 goals…Was also a NCCAA All-American and All-New York State…A native of Jamaica, Howard was named to the all-college team at the College of Science and Technology for soccer in his hometown…Played in the Empire State Games for the Western New York team…Was a member of Team Lapine that reached the finals of the U.S. Amateur Cup in Indianapolis…Is currently employed as an operations clerk/quality control at Chase-Manhattan Bank.



#16 CHRIS KENNELL

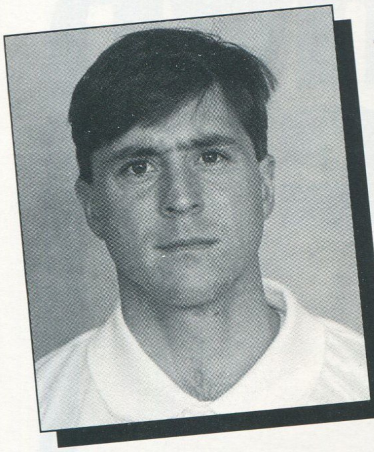
DEFENDER

6'1" 175

Born: August 7, 1969
Rochester, NY

Chris brings two seasons of pro experience back to Rochester after playing a pair of seasons for his new hometown team in Hawaii (USISL)…This Pittsford Mendon scholastic star is a former *Democrat & Chronicle* Athlete of the Year after his senior season in 1987 where he was a soccer All-American and the Section V Downhill Skiing Champ; Kennell was also the Downhill runner-up at State Championship meet that same season…He was named All-County and All-Greater Rochester after both his junior and senior campaigns…Chris played his college soccer at Cornell where he was team captain in 1992…Majored in government and theatre at the Ivy League institution…He has appeared in national TV commercials for American Express (with Jerry Seinfeld) and Crest…While in Hawaii, Chris started his own business that deals with soccer and athletic wear.

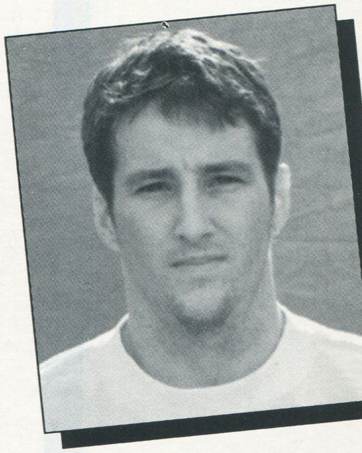
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#18 CARL HOPFINGER

FORWARD
5'10" 175
Born: February 4, 1968
Rochester, NY

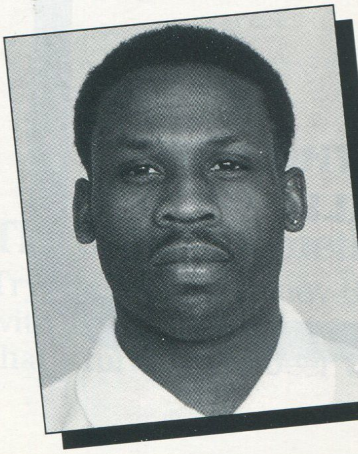
Was a high school All-American at Pittsford-Sutherland, leading the team to the New York State championship his senior season in 1986... A four-year starter at Michigan State, where he was named to the All-Midwest team his senior season...Has played amateur soccer after college with clubs in Michigan and Oregon...Was a member of Team Lapine, the club that went to the finals of the U.S. Amateur Cup in Indianapolis...Spends time with the Pittsford Mustangs soccer club as a youth coach...Sells real estate when not playing for the Rhinos.



#19 DOUG MILLER

FORWARD
5'8" 155
Born: May 5, 1969
Newark, NJ

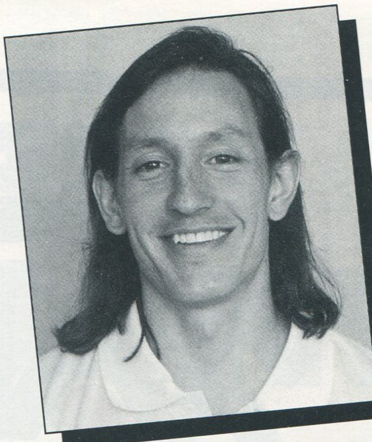
Finished third in team scoring this past winter with the Cleveland Crunch of the NPSL, helping the club win the NPSL Championship in six games against the Kansas City Attack... Spent two seasons in Harrisburg in the NPSL before being traded to Cleveland during the 1993-94 indoor season...Played in the A-League in 1991 with Maryland...Spent the last two summers with New York of the USISL... That New York club has joined the A-League for this season of play...Miller played his college soccer at Loyola-Baltimore.



#22 DARRELL STUART

FORWARD
5'6" 160
Born: May 16, 1967
Antigua

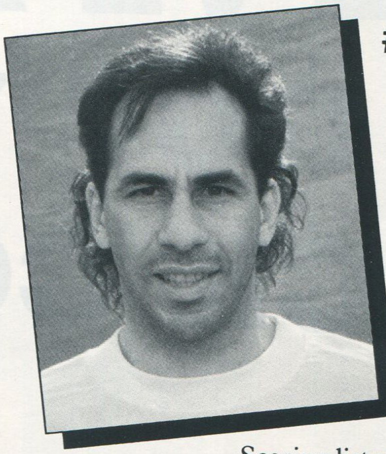
Played his college soccer at St. John Fisher College here in Rochester...Was a member of Team Lapine that went to the U. S. Amateur Cup finals in Indianapolis last summer...Is a supply clerk at Wegmans.



#20 KEN TOMETSKO

MIDFIELDER
6'2" 180
Born: May 9, 1970
Rochester, NY

Ken will forever be a part of history as he scored the Rhinos first ever goal in the pre-season game against Syracuse University...The Brighton High School graduate was a two-time All-County selection for the Barons and was also named All-Greater Rochester and All-State his senior season... Ken played his collegiate soccer at Cornell ('93) where he was a four-year letterman and two-time captain...He was twice chosen to the All-Ivy team while playing for the Big Red and concluded his career with Cornell team MVP honors and a place on the Northeast Regional All-American Scholar Athlete team.

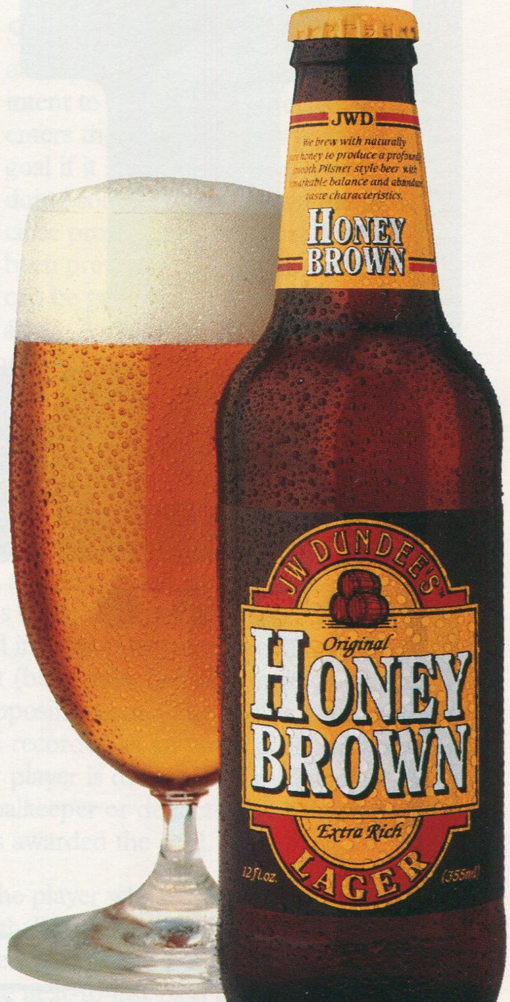


#21 HECTOR MARINARO

MIDFIELDER
5'9" 155
Born: December 6, 1964
Toronto, Ontario

Hector led the NPSL in scoring this past winter 247 points...The indoor superstar is second on the all-time U.S. Indoor Goal Scoring list with 686 career goals, only 29 behind Steve Zungel...Marinaro broke the all-time single playoff record in total points (101), total goals (45) and two-point goals (30), leading the Crunch to the NPSL championship...He was named the NPSL's Offensive Player of the Month for November, February and March...Was the NPSL's Most Valuable Player in 1994-95 and was a First Team All-Star after leading the league in scoring with 255 points...Scored the winning goal in the NPSL championship in leading Cleveland to the league title in 1993-94...Was the NPSL MVP in 1992-93...Last season was his seventh in a Crunch uniform...Has played indoor with Minnesota and Los Angeles...His father, Hector, coached in the NASL, CSL and APSL, while brother Rob played at Clemson University and for Chicago and Buffalo in the NPSL... Became a member of the Canadian National Team last summer...last name pronounced "mare-in-AIR-oh."

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Marinaro Sweeps Back into The Outdoor Game

Indoor Legend Leads Rhinos Defense

By Justin Roj


Marinaro's experience makes him a natural leader on the backline for the Rhinos.

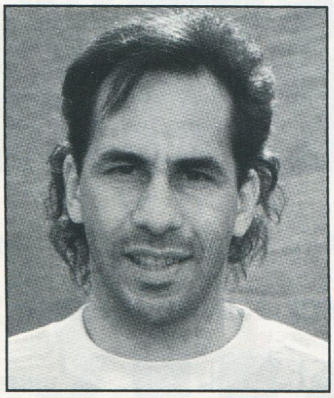
Rhinos' team captain, Hector Marinaro, is no stranger to adversity. Earlier this year, he and his Cleveland Crunch teammates were down two games to none against the Kansas City Attack in the indoor National Professional Soccer League's championship series. Marinaro saw his team's regualar season success, and his league scoring title, going to waste. All of the Crunch's achievements that season were going to be meaningless statistics if they couldn't find a way to turn the series around and win the championship.

Of course, the burden of doing so fell onto Marinaro's back. Granted, he was surrounded by arguably one of the most talented rosters in professional soccer in this country, indoor or outdoor. However, when you are the second all-time leader on the United States Indoor Soccer scoring list and have played for 13 seasons, your fans, coaches and teammates look to you to bring them back. Hector Marinaro knew that was the case, and he went to work.

The Rhinos' sweeper led Cleveland to four straight victories over the Attack and won the NPSL championship. So when he sees the faces of his teammates in Rochester, Hector is more than familiar with their hungry, desperate look. Regardless of the fact that it is their first season, Marinaro knows that nothing less than a championship will satisfy his teammates, the fans, and himself. However, he knows that his role with the Raging Rhinos is a different one than in Cleveland.

His goal-scoring prowess is what has made him an indoor legend, yet his role in Rochester is that of a defender. "In Cleveland,

I am paid to put the ball into the back of the net," remarked Marinaro, discussing his different roles, "Here, my job is to stop opponents from scoring goals. So I have to approach the game from a completely different perspective, and let my teammates concentrate on scoring."



Hector's Cleveland teammates who have joined him with the Rhinos are the ones who have had the scoring burden placed on them. Forwards Zoran Karic and Doug Miller, along with midfielder Tommy Tanner, are a trio of talented attackers whose one-on-one skills have helped them find the goal numerous times in their careers. Marinaro credits them for much of the Crunch's accomplishments and sees them as the key to a Raging Rhinos championship.

"Doug is dangerous because of his speed, he can run onto almost any ball. If he had been a little more lucky so far this season he could have four or five goals already," said Marinaro, about his Crunch teammates with the Rhinos. "Tommy is the hardest worker I know. He is always up and down the field and gives a 110 percent. Zoran is simply the best one-on-one player I have ever stepped onto the field with. When the ball is at his feet, he can go by any defender he wants."

Along with his current Cleveland Crunch teammates, Marinaro has played in the past with Rochester goalkeeper Billy Andracki, who was also with Cleveland for two years before moving on to Tampa Bay. Hector believes that his past playing experience with Andracki has been invaluable in building the Raging Rhinos defense.

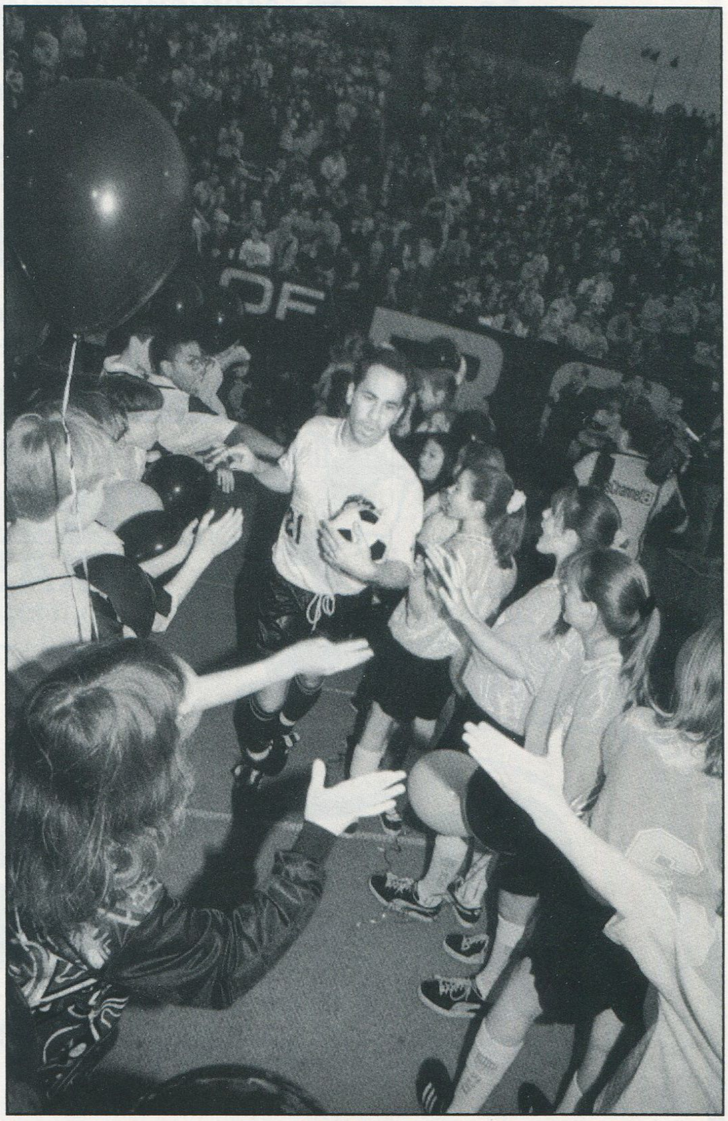
"Communication between Billy and myself is much easier because we know each other. The familiarity allows us to adjust to situations in games much more quickly than would happen otherwise," stated Marinaro.

He also credits the hard work of his teammates on the back line, Leon Minott and Yuri Smotrich, for the team's success defensively. "The first couple of games it was hard because Yuri doesn't speak any English. But, as time has gone on we have found ways to communicate and we have improved noticeably," remarked Marinaro. "Leon is an extremely tough and determined player. His tenacity allows him to play bigger than his size."

Hector firmly believes that with his teammates which have joined him from Cleveland and with the new faces he has met here in Rochester, the Rhinos will overcome the adversity they have faced as an expansion team and will contend for the A-League title.

"I don't think that there is a team that we have faced so far that we couldn't have beaten," said Marinaro, regarding the rest of the A-League, "With a few wins we'll be right there with them come the end of the season."

And, with Marinaro's past accomplishments it's hard to doubt him.



Hector Marinaro has taken the ball and run with it since being named captain of the Rhinos.

Upcoming PROMOTIONS at Frontier Field

July 12 vs. Montreal
First Sports Event in Frontier Field
Xerox Pennant Night to the first 10,000 fans
WMAX Pre-Game Party
Post Game Party at The Distillery

July 19 vs. New York
The Distillery Team Poster Night
Cellular One Discount Night
Organ Donor Card Night
WBEE Pre-Game Party
Post-Game Party at Woody's

July 26 vs. Atlanta
Lancer Reunion Night
WDKX Pre-Game Party
Alive @ Five Happy Hour
Post-Game Party at The Center at High Falls

July 31 - Exhibition Match
Wright-Wisner Blinking Button Night to the first 3,000 fans
Tent City Autograph Night
Post-Game Party ay Jeremiah's

August 3 vs. Seattle
Cellular One Saturday
Salvatore's Yellow Card Night
4:30 p.m. - Women's Soccer - Rochester Ravens vs. Long Island
Post-Game Party at Jump Cafe

August 7 vs. Vancouver
The Wild Boys
Tent City Autograph Night
WMAX Field Party
Post-Game Party at Woody's

August 10 vs. New York
Rescheduled Rhinos Game

August 21 vs. Colorado
Rhinos Kodamotion Card Night for the first 2,000 fans
Tent City Autograph Night
WPXY Field Party
Post-Game Party at Woody's

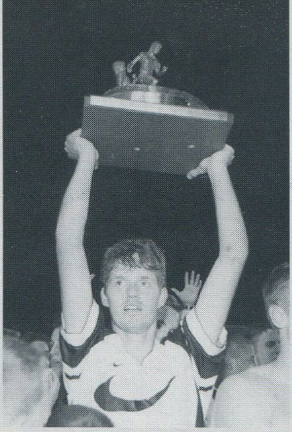
August 25 vs. New York
Sports Memorobilia Auction for Charity
Post-Game Party at The Distillery

August 30 vs. Atlanta
Frontier/Rhinos Team Photo Night to the first 10,000 fans
Alive @ Five Happy Hour
Post-Game Party at Jump Cafe

September 7 vs. Montreal
The Blues Brothers
Cellular One Saturday
WPXY Field Party

September 13 vs. Colorado
"Sport" the Mascot Night
Fan Appreciation Night
WMAX Field Party
Post-Game Party at The Distillery

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Club History

1974: Founded as part of North American Soccer League (NASL).

August 1975: Made first playoff appearance (versus Portland Timbers).

August 1980: Captured Western Division Crown and set record of 25 wins in single season.

1982: Captured second Western Division Crown.

December 1993: Granted entry into American Professional Soccer League (A-League).

July 1994: Debut in A-League; defeated Montreal Impact.

September 1994: Claimed A-League Regular Season Title with 14-6 record.

Last Season

Defeated Atlanta to win A-League Championship.

Swept Vancouver in playoff semi-finals.

Finished regular season in second place with 18-6 record.

Finished season with 22-7 record.

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Seattle, WA
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Benjamin Pecora
Manager Sales Department:
Brad Kimura
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Andrea Huisenga

Ticket Sales/Sales Department:
Jason Prenovost
Box Office Assistant: Sarah Baxter
Marketing Communications Intern:
Shea Tanabe
Administrative Intern:
Jennifer Riccardi

1995 Individual Statistics

No.	Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	Minutes
6	D	Crook, Billy*	13	13	0	0	0	1170
15	M	Crothers, Derek	7	1	0	1	1	221
19	D	Dunn, James*	29	28	0	1	1	2457
14	F	Dunn, Jason*	25	16	7	6	20	1560
13	M/F	Farrell, Jason*	26	15	1	2	4	1523
9	F	Fry, Chance*	25	21	11	5	27	1817
7	D	James, Bernie	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	M	McCormick, Dick	11	11	2	0	4	913
4	D	Megson, Neil*	28	28	0	0	0	2520
3	M	Morrill, Doug	15	10	0	1	1	986
23	M	Storkson, Erik*	2	0	0	0	0	12
2	D	Webber, Wade*	25	25	1	3	5	2186

No.	Goalkeepers	GP	GS	Saves	GA	SO	Minutes	GAA	W	L
18	Hahnemann, Marcus*	29	29	113	26	12	2610	.897	18	6

** Includes playoffs*

Club Records

Overall Record: 37-15, .712
Home: 23-5, .821 (1994-1995)
Post Season: 5-3, 6.25 (1994-1995)
1994 A-League leader for most goals scored (38)

Team Records

Most goals in a single season
11 Chance Fry (1994), 11 Peter Hattrup (1995)
Most points in a single season:
30 Peter Hattrup (1995)
Most assists in a single season:
11 Shawn Medved (1994)
Most shutouts in a single season:
9 Marcus Hahnemann (1995)
Most saves in a single season:
98 Marcus Hahnemann (1995)

1996 Schedule

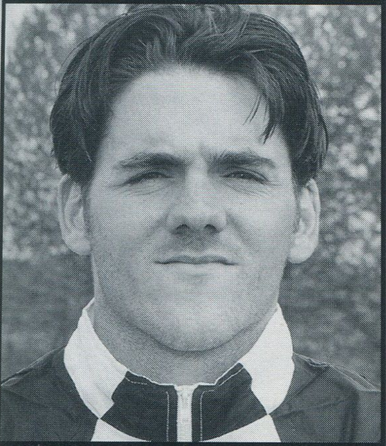
Home

Date	Opponent
Apr. 27	Vancouver
May 11	Colorado
June 7	Atlanta
June 22	Colorado
June 29	Rochester
July 5	New York
July 17	Montreal
July 20	Colorado
July 27	Vancouver
Aug. 14	Rochester
Aug. 17	Montreal
Aug. 24	Vancouver
Sept. 7	New York
Sept. 14	Atlanta

Away

Date	Opponent
May 17	Colorado
May 25	Vancouver
May 31	Rochester
June 2	Montreal
June 14	Atlanta
June 16	New York
July 11	Colorado
July 14	Vancouver
Aug. 3	Rochester
Aug. 9	Montreal
Aug. 11	New York
Aug. 30	Vancouver
Sept. 1	Colorado

Sounders



Jason Farrell
Midfielder/Forward

Ht: 5-10 **Wt:** 170
DOB: December 31, 1970 **Hometown:** Seattle, WA
Pro Experience: 3rd season

Professional:
In Game Three of 1995 A-League Championship title series, scored to force shootout against Atlanta ... In 1994 (rookie season), earned second team A-League All-Star honors ... Ranked 10th in A-League scoring with three goals and seven assists ... Made first professional start in 1994 against UNAM Pumas of Mexico City ... Member of the US Olympic Team, 1991 ...**College:** Two year starter at Seattle Pacific University ... Ranked No. 4 all-time in assists with 28 ... In 1991, named Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference Player of the Year ... In 1990 played at University of Washington and finished as No. 2 scorer with six goals and five assists



Chance Fry
Forward

Ht: 6-1 **Wt:** 175
DOB: June 29, 1964 **Hometown:** Bellevue, WA
Pro Experience: 12th season

Professional:
Finished 1995 season with nine goals and five assists (23 points) ... A-League's No. 2 all-time leading scorer ... Six times named to A-League All-Star team ... In 1990, finished season (with Seattle Storm) as top A-League scorer with 17 goals and five assists ... Metropolitan Life Player of the Year in 1986 and 1990 ... In 1984, made five appearances with US National Team ... Made seven appearances, in 1982, with US Youth National Team ... **Personal:** Assistant Coach for University of Washington Men's Soccer in 1992-93

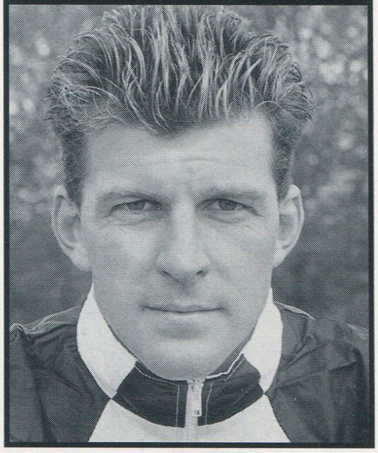


Marcus Hahnemann
Goalkeeper

Ht: 6-3 **Wt:** 218
DOB: June 15, 1972 **Hometown:** Bellevue, WA
Pro Experience: 3rd season

Professional:
Finished 1995 season as A-League's top rated goalie for second straight year ... Led league goalies in minutes played (2160), shutouts (9), fewest goals allowed (24) and goals against average (1.00) ... Earned RedDog/A-League Championship MVP ... Finished 1994 as No. 1 ranked goalkeeper with league-best eight shutouts ... Tallied 66 saves ... Only rookie named to first team of A-League All-Stars ... Started for US National Team four times ... **College:** Seattle Pacific University's only three-time All-American ... Named Defensive MVP of 1993 Final Four and helped Falcons capture NCAA Division II Championship

Coach's Notes



Neil Megson
Player/Coach

Position: Defender
Ht: 6-1 **Wt:** 180
DOB: July 27, 1962
Birthplace: Manchester, England
Residence: Federal Way, WA

"I'm looking forward to the challenge (of being named Sounder head coach). If we can do as well as last year, I'll be happy; if we do better, we'll be continuing the great tradition of Sounder soccer."

Pro Experience: 16th season as player; first season as head coach

Professional:
In 1994, named to first team A-League All-Star Team ... In 1994, A-League's top scoring defender with three goals ... Began pro career at age 14 with England's Bristol Rovers F.C. ... In 1993, named to CISL's All-Star team ... Two-time MISL All-Star selection ... In 1988, played with US National Team

Montreal

Club History

Dec. 10, 1992: Founded by the Saputo Group, the Montreal Impact is born.

April 14, 1993: The Impact holds its first training camp in Italy, in the Florentine countryside.

May 14, 1993: The Impact plays its first game in the A-League.

June 4, 1994: International game: trailing 0-2, the Impact makes a comeback and ties the Moroccan National Team 2-2, in a pre-World Cup International match.

June 6, 1994: The Impact continues to impress on the international scene, defeating Columbia's first division club Independiente Santa Fe 3-1.

Sept. 17, 1994: For the first time in club history, the Impact qualifies for the playoffs.

Oct. 15, 1994: The Impact clinches the A-League championship with a dramatic 1-0 victory against the Colorado Foxes, in front of 8,169 spectators.

Oct. 18, 1994: The Impact holds a championship parade in downtown Montreal.

July 17, 1994: Coached by Impact head coach Valerio Gazzola, the A-League All-Stars beat Mexican first division club UNAM Pumas 2-0

Last Season

With an impressive record of 17 wins and 7 losses, the Impact was crowned regular season champion and awarded the prestigious Commissioner's Cup for finishing first overall. However, in the third and decisive semifinal game against the Atlanta Ruckus, the Impact lost 1-0 in a shootout, thereby suffering its first elimination in post-season play.

Head Office:
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Stade/Stadium:
Centre Claude-Robillard
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Montreal, Quebec (Canada)
Capacité/Capacity: 8,000

Couleurs/Colors:
Blanc/White, Bleu/Blue, Noir/Black, Argent/Silver

1995 Statistiques Individuelles/Individual Statistics

No.	Pos.	Nom/Name.	PJ/GP	PD/GS	B/G	P/A	Pts	Minutes
2		Rudy Doliscat	18	15	1	1	3	1250
3		Steve Trittschuh	22	22	3	2	8	1980
4		Nick DeSantis	20	19	3	1	7	1647
5		André Belotte	0	0	0	0	0	0
6		Lyndon Hooper	20	20	1	0	2	1745
7		Paul Dougherty	24	24	10	8	28	2140
8		John Limniatis	21	21	0	3	3	1865
9		Grant Needham	22	21	5	4	14	1617
10		Paulinho	14	13	6	3	15	1070
11		Lloyd Barker	23	19	10	6	26	1688
12		Patrick Diotte	23	23	0	1	1	2051
13		Kevin Holness	18	16	1	3	5	1499
14		Niall Thompson	9	3	0	2	2	323
16		Nevio Pizzolitto	8	2	0	0	0	214
17		Tom Kouzmanis	21	14	2	5	9	1402
19		Abdel Sahrane	9	3	0	0	0	274
20		Mauro Biello	17	6	5	1	11	740
*		Gustavo Echevarria	0	0	0	0	0	0

GARDIENS DE BUTS/GOALKEEPERS

No.	Nom/Name	PJ/GP	PD/GS	BC/GA	BL/SO	Moy/AVE	Minutes	V/W	D/L
1	P. Ceccarelli	17	17	17	8	1.00	1530	13	4
18	P. Onstad	7	7	10	2	1.43	630	4	3
22	D. Courtois	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0

Club Records

Most wins in a season: 17 (1995) Home: 9 Away: 8
Most losses in a season: 13 (1993) Home: 5 Away: 8
Biggest A- League win: 5-0 vs Colorado (Aug.6, 1995)
Biggest A- League loss: 1-4 vs Colorado (Aug. 29, 1993)
Most goals in a season by a player:
Paul Dougherty & Lloyd Barker - 10 goals (1995)
Most goals by a player (career):
Lloyd Barker - 19 goals (regular season) & 3 goals (playoffs)
Most points in a season by a player:
Paul Dougherty - 28 points (1995)
Most points by a player (career):
Lloyd Barker - 50 points (regular season) & 7 points (playoffs)
Most games played:
61 - Lloyd Barker
Longest winning streak: 7 (1994 & 1995)
Longest losing streak: 4 (1994)
Most shutouts in a season:
8–Paolo Ceccarelli (1995)
Most shutouts (career):
13–Pat Harrington (1993-94)
Most saves in a season:
89–Pat Harrington (1993)
Most saves (career):
168–Pat Harrington (1993-94)
Quickest goal scored:
51 seconds–Jean Harbor (vs Toronto July 29, 1994)
Quickest goal scored by the opponent:
63 seconds –Taifour Diane (COL - June 11, 1993)

1996 Schedule

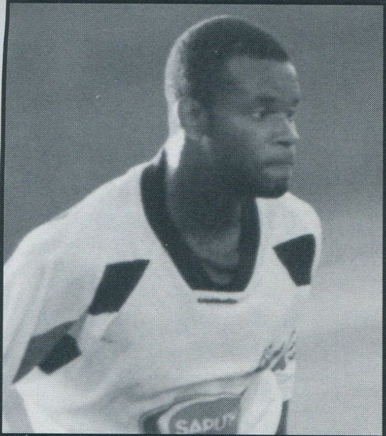
Home

Date	Opponent
Mai/May 24	New York
Juin/June 2	Seattle
Juin/June 9	Rochester
Juin/June 12	Colorado
Juin/June 16	Vancouver
Juillet/July 5	Atlanta
Juillet/July 10	Rochester
Juillet/July 24	Atlanta
Août/Aug. 9	Seattle
Août/Aug. 14	Vancouver
Août/Aug. 23	Colorado
Août/Aug. 30	New York
Sept. 4	Rochester
Sept. 11	Atlanta

Away

Date	Opponent
Mai/May 17	Atlanta
Juin/June 15	Rochester
Juin/June 23	Colorado
Juin/June 28	Atlanta
Juin/June 30	New York
Juillet/July 12	Rochester
Juillet/July 14	Colorado
Juillet/July 17	Seattle
Juillet/July 19	Vancouver
Juillet/July 28	New York
Août/Aug. 17	Seattle
Août/Aug. 21	Vancouver
Sept. 1	New York
Sept. 7	Rochester

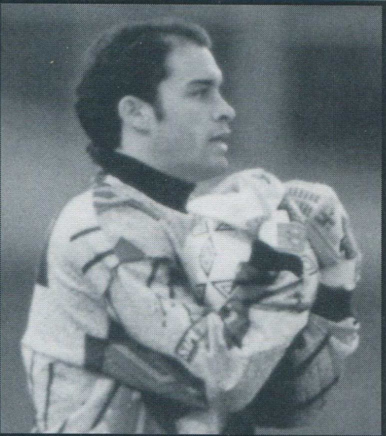
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Lloyd Barker #11
Forward

Ht/Grandeur: 5-10/1m75
Wt/Poids: 170lbs/77kg
DOB/Naissance: Dec. 12, 1969
Last/Dernier Club: Harbour View F.C., Jamaica

With a three-year contract in hand, Barker is determined to pick up where he left off in Montreal. Voted the club's Most Valuable Player last year, Barker had his best season ever with the Impact, tallying 10 goals and 6 assists (26 points). The Jamaican native is now the Impact's all-time leading scorer with 19 goals and 12 assists (50 points) in regular season play and three goals and one assist (7 points) in the playoffs. Barker was part of the Impact's starting eleven in '94 that clinched the A-League championship. That year, he also won the Jamaican championship with Harbour View F.C.



Paolo Ceccarelli #1
GoalKeeper

Ht/Grandeur: 5-11/1m80
Wt/Poids: 165lbs/74,7kg
DOB/Naissance: Oct. 12, 1969
Last/Dernier Club: Impact de Montréal F.C.

With his skill and reflexes—and helped by a strong Montreal defense – Ceccarelli set a new team record last year, registering eight shutouts (the previous record of 7 shutouts belonged to Pat Harrington). Ceccarelli finished the '95 season with a GAA of 1.00, tied for first place with Seattle goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann. Voted to the A-League All-Star Team, he was the starting goalkeeper during All-Star game against UNAM Pumas (July 17), which the A- League won 2-0.

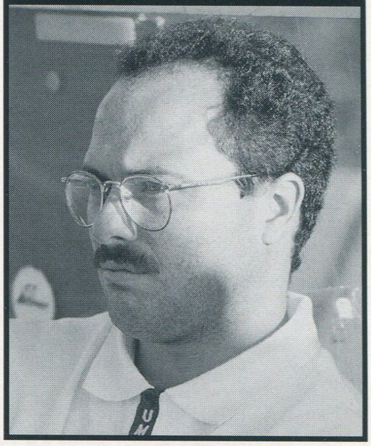


Nick DeSantis #4
Midfielder

Ht/Grandeur: 5-11/1m80
Wt/Poids: 165lbs/75kg
DOB/Naissance: Sept. 12, 1969
Last/Dernier Club: Chicago Power (NPSL)

The heart and soul of the Montreal Impact, Nick DeSantis was named team captain May 12, 1995, replacing Patrice Ferri. Renowned for his hard work and perseverance, he was a member of Canadian National Team for the international match against Chile (Oct. 11), which Canada lost 0-2. In the off season, DeSantis played with the Kansas City Attack and the Chicago Power of the National Professional Soccer League. DeSantis was part of the Impact's starting eleven in '94 that clinched the A-League championship.

Coach's Notes



Valerio Gazzola
Head Coach

A lot of the guys on the team have the general feeling that something was left unfinished last season.

I'm proud of the fact that we finished in first place last year, and you have to give credit to the players who maintained the same level of play despite a hectic schedule.

But our semifinal loss to Atlanta was difficult to accept, and I am sure the players want to set the record straight this year.

In a way, we've come full circle. We celebrated a championship win in '94 and suffered a cruel shootout loss last season.

If you think about it, since the team didn't make the playoffs in '93, it was the first time the Impact was eliminated in post-season play.

As a team, you can only grow from such an experience – and do your utmost to make sure it never happens again.

THE RUCKUS. ATLANTA

Atlanta

Club History

In November 1994, Atlanta was awarded an A-League franchise. The Atlanta Magic of the USISL, formerly an indoor/outdoor team, developed into the Ruckus in an effort to have the highest level outdoor team in the country for local players to aspire to.

The team ownership was granted to Johnny Immerman in January 1995. Under Immerman, the Ruckus brought in former U.S. National Team coach Lothar Osiander, as well as National Team veterans John Doyle and Bruce Murray. Under their leadership, they guided the inaugural Ruckus to a Championship appearance in 1995.

The Ruckus recorded their first ever franchise victory in its first game, a 2-1 shoot-out victory in Vancouver. In a dramatic home opener, the Ruckus erased a two goal deficit to defeat Colorado, again in a shoot-out. The Ruckus were then victorious in their first-ever playoff appearance against the Montreal Impact. Atlanta closed out the season with an amazing 11-2 record in shoot-outs, a feat unmatched by any other team.

Last Season

Last season proved to be an exciting way to bring Professional soccer back to Atlanta. From a dramatic home opener to coming within one victory away from a Championship, the Ruckus turned a lot of heads in 1995.

The Ruckus won seven of their first ten games and had a perfect 4-0 record at home. Forwards Staale Soebye and Lenin Steenkamp led all A-League scoring, and Atlanta hosted the League's first annual All-Star Game against UNAM Pumas of the Mexican First Division.

Despite a mid-season slump, the Ruckus won the season finale and was headed into the post-season. After a dramatic three game Semi-final Series that saw Atlanta defeat defending champion Montreal, it was on to a Championship Series showdown with the Seattle Sounders. Once again, Atlanta showed they were a team of destiny by defeating Seattle in the opening game, coming within one win from a championship. As the season went, the playoffs would be no different, as Atlanta went to a shoot-out in Game 3 of the Championship before conceding to the Sounders.

The Ruckus also had its share of honors. Lothar Osiander was named "Coach of the Year" by his peers. Captain John Doyle earned "Defender of the Year" with his tenacious play, and Staale Soebye was named forward on the post-season "All-League" squad.

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Owner: Johnny Immerman
GM/Head Coach: Charlie Morgan
Dir. of Operations: Eric Proctor
Dir. of Marketing/Asst. Coach: Bruce Murray

Dir. of Media Relations: Johnny Martinez
Dir. of Community Relations: Brian Porter
Team colors: Blue, Black, Silver, Red

1995 Individual Statistics

No.	Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	Shootout G	Shootout Att.	Minutes
3	D	John Doyle	25	25	1	0	2	5	7	2175
4	M	Bruce Murray	28	28	4	2	10	1	5	2509
5	M	Mike Huwiler	29	27	1	1	3	0	0	2263
6	M	Cato Solberg	12	3	1	3	5	0	0	438
7	M/F	Michael Araujo	28	25	2	5	9	6	9	2238
8	F	Lenin Steenkamp	29	28	10	0	20	6	7	2383
9	M	Brian Moore	21	11	2	1	5	5	9	1203
10	F	Staale Soebye	29	29	8	3	19	7	13	2530
11	F	Mo Suri	21	9	0	3	3	6	10	818
12	D	Tom Wurdak	15	12	0	1	1	0	0	1026
13	F	Justin Fashanu	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	343
14	D/M	Richard Richmond	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	1128
15	M	Chris Hellenkamp	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	310
16	D	Greg Sheen	29	29	1	5	7	0	1	2516
17	D	Tim Martin	29	29	0	1	1	0	2	2610
18	M/D	Scott Schweitzer	15	14	0	1	1	1	1	1094
19	D/M	Tag Gambatese	20	12	1	0	2	0	0	1163
21	D/M	Burke Goodloe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

No.	Goalkeepers	GP	GS	Saves	GA	SO	Minutes	GAA	W	L
1	Mun Young Yi	14	14	82	22	2	1257	1.57	6	5
25	Bill Andracki	19	16	78	28	3	1443	1.47	10	9

Club Records

Most wins, season:
16 - 9 (home) 7 (away)
Most losses, season:
14 - 5 (home) 9 (away)
Biggest win:
4-2 Tampa Bay (6-14-95), Vancouver (6-16-95)
Biggest loss:
0-4 Montreal (6-4-95), Seattle (7-4-95)
Longest winning streak:
4 (Aug 30-Sept 14, 1995)
Longest losing streak:
5 (July 19-Aug 6, 1995)
Most shutouts:
5 (1995)
Quickest goal scored:
2nd min Seattle (10-12-95)
Quickest goal, opponent:
:46 Colorado (9-1-95)

Team Records

Most goals per game, player:
2 Lenin Steenkamp (5-20-95), Staale Soebye (5-27-95)
Most goals by a player (career):
10 Lenin Steenkamp
Most points by a player (season):
20 Lenin Steenkamp
Most games played (career):
29 Mike Huwiler, Tim Martin, Greg Sheen, Staale Soebye, Lenin Steenkamp

1996 Schedule

Home Date	Opponent	Away Date	Opponent
May 17	Montreal	May 24	Colorado
June 1	New York	June 7	Seattle
June 14	Seattle*	June 9	Vancouver
June 19	Vancouver	June 26	New York
June 28	Montreal*	July 21	New York
July 7	Rochester	July 24	Montreal
July 12	New York	July 26	Rochester
July 17	Colorado	July 28	Colorado
Aug. 7	Seattle	Aug. 30	Rochester
Aug. 10	Vancouver	Sept. 11	Montreal
Aug. 14	Colorado	Sept. 13	Vancouver
Aug. 17	New York	Sept. 14	Seattle
Aug. 24	Rochester		
Sept. 1	Rochester		

* Games live on Prime

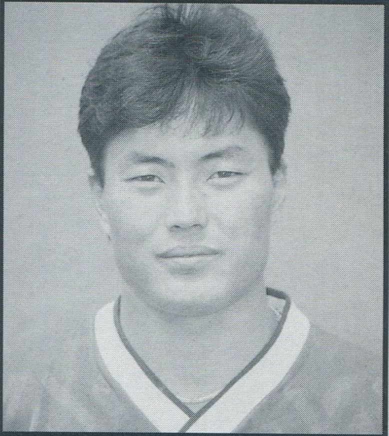
Home game kick off 7:30 p.m.

Ruckus



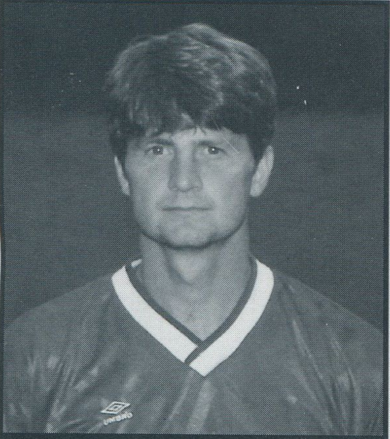
Chris Faklaris
Forward

The Ruckus add more scoring punch up front with the addition of Chris Faklaris. The South Carolina standout was their top offensive weapon, scoring 55 goals and 14 assists for 124 pts., including 12 game winning goals in his stellar four year career. These numbers rank him second among the all-time leading scorers in Gamecock history. Faklaris was Second Team All-American in 1993 and 1994. He brings great size and good speed as well as a strong presence in the air. He played in 1994 and 1995 with the U.S. Under-23 National Team and has played in numerous Olympic Festivals. Faklaris led the U.S. Under-20 National Team to an eighth place finish at the 1993 World Youth Championships in Australia, during which he recorded a hat trick against Turkey. The Atlanta native was also the 1991 Georgia Gatorade High School Player of the Year.



Mun Young Yi
Goalkeeper

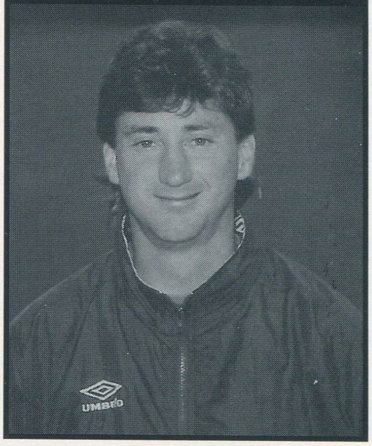
Yi, former member of the Korean National Team and San Francisco Blackhawks, comes off an outstanding 1995 season. Despite a slow start, Yi recorded 2 shutouts during the regular season and won 4 out of the last 5 games to carry the Ruckus into their first-ever post-season appearance. Mun continued his spectacular play into the playoffs, recording Atlanta's first ever playoff victory against then defending champion Montreal and again in Game 1 of the Championship Series against Seattle. Yi had a 1.63 goals against average over 14 games and will be the starting netminder going into the 1996 season.



Greg Sheen
Defender

Former 3-time national indoor champion with the Atlanta Magic, Greg Sheen returns for his second season with the Ruckus. Sheen will be the backbone to a stingy defense that shut down the high-powered Montreal Impact in the 1995 post-season. As a former leading scorer with the University of North Texas as a freshman, he also has the added dimension to attack from the back. Greg notched one goal and 5 assists during the 1995, including setting up the Ruckus' lone goal in Game 3 of the Championship. Sheen was very consistent throughout the season, starting 23 of 24 games during the regular season and all 6 playoff games. His strong, consistent play and scoring touch will be a great complement to the 1996 campaign.

Coach's Notes



Charlie Morgan
Coach

After a 1995 season that brought the inaugural Ruckus one victory from the Championship under now Major League Soccer coach Lothar Osiander, former assistant Charlie Morgan has taken on the challenge to lead the second year Atlanta Ruckus to the one thing that they lacked last year, a Championship. For Morgan, 33, he is no stranger to success. Prior to coaching the Ruckus, Morgan led the Atlanta Magic of the USISL to back to back national indoor championships. With a combined two year indoor record of 33-1, he was twice named "Coach of the Year" for the USISL. In 1994, the outdoor Magic made it to the Divisional Final with a record of 16-4. Morgan started his coaching career as an assistant at Georgia State and Clemson Universities.

As a player, Morgan ended his collegiate career by capturing the 1984 NCAA Championship at Clemson. He then went on to play for the 1985 U.S. World University Team in Kobe, Japan. Morgan's illustrious professional career began in 1985 following the World University Games as he joined the Cleveland Force of the MISL and was runner-up for "Rookie of the Year" honors. He then went on to star for the Jacksonville Generals, Atlanta Attack and Kansas City Attack of the NPSL before retiring due to knee injuries. Charlie is married to Katy and they reside in Buckhead with two cats and a dog.

A LEAGUE

VANCOUVER EIGHTY SIXERS

Club History

The 86ers started play in 1987 as one of 8 founding franchises in the Canadian Soccer League.

They joined the A-League in 1993.

This summer the 86ers are celebrating their 10th anniversary season.

Founded by the West Coast Soccer Society, a non-profit society with about 400 members, since 1990 the 86ers have been owned and operated by businessman Milan Ilich, the president of Richmond, B.C.'s Progressive Contracting.

The 86ers captured four straight CSL Cup Finals from 1988-1992.

The 86ers won six straight regular season titles (5 in the CSL and 1 in the A-League) from 1988-1993.

In 1990 the CSL champion 86ers defeated the A-League champion Maryland Bays to win the North American club championship.

During the height of their CSL dynasty the 86ers posted an amazing 46-game undefeated streak (39 wins and 7 ties) over two seasons.

Heading into the 1996 season the 86ers have an all-time regular season record of 128 wins, 60 losses and 28 ties.

Last Season

1995 was a re-building year for the 86ers in the wake of a disastrous 7-13 record in 1994. With no fewer than a dozen new faces on the roster, most of them rookies, the 86ers stumbled out of the gate with a 1-6 start to the '95 campaign.

But head coach Carl Valentine managed to hold the team together and build up the confidence of his youngsters and was eventually rewarded with a 10-14 record and a third place finish in the A-League standings.

The 86ers' fine crop of rookies was led by the trio of Paul Dailly, A-League Rookie of the Year Giuliano Oliviero and Martin Nash, all of whom finished in the top ten in the league scoring race.

Vancouver Eighty-Sixers

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Team Colours: Red, White & Black

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President: Milan Ilich
Head Coach & General Manager: Carl Valentine
Ass't Coaches: Alan Errington & Sam Saundh

Office Manager: Carol Errington
Marketing Manager: Scott Munson
Ticket Coordinator/Team Broadcaster: Doug Finley
Media Relations: Ian Michaud
Administrative Assistant: Carly Johnstone

1995 Individual Statistics

No.	Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	Shootout G	Shootout Att.	Minutes
	M/F	Geoff Aunger	18	18	6	6	18	3	3	1530
	M/D	Nico Berg	8	7	0	2	2	0	1	542
	D	Rick Celebrini	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	270
	M	Paul Dailly	21	20	7	7	21	0	1	1628
	M/D	Nick Dasovic	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	180
	M/D	Mike Dodd	15	12	1	0	2	0	0	1040
	M	Dave Elligott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	M	Ivor Evans	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	326
	D/M	Chris Franks	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
	F	Nick Gilbert	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
	D	Jean-Paul Knezevic	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	817
	F	Garret Kusch	9	5	3	0	6	0	0	458
	D	Steve MacDonald	21	21	0	0	0	1	1	1845
	D/M	Doug McKinty	22	20	0	1	1	0	1	1785
	M	Scott Macy	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	705
	F/M	Domenic Mobilio	7	1	1	0	2	0	0	201
	F/M	Martin Nash	19	14	5	6	16	0	1	1233
	M/D	David Norman	16	14	2	1	5	0	0	1213
	M	Giuliano Oliviero	19	16	9	1	19	0	2	1560
	D	Todd Rattee	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	1257
	F	Rob Reed	22	20	3	0	6	0	0	1778
	F	Sipho Sibiya	16	7	3	4	10	1	1	774
	F	Mark Slater	12	6	2	0	4	0	0	594
	D	Richie Sumner	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
	D/M	Carl Valentine	17	11	1	1	3	0	2	1020
	D	Mark Watson	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	569

No.	Goalkeepers	GP	GS	Saves	GA	SO	Minutes	GAA	W	L
	Cory Breure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	Paul Dolan	18	18	89	33	1	1575	1.89	6	11
	Paul Shepherd	7	6	30	10	1	585	1.54	4	3

Club Records

LONGEST WINNING STREAK:
8 – July 11, 1990-August 15, 1990, July 17, 1991-August 16, 1991
LONGEST LOSING STREAK:
5 – Aug 25, 1995-Sept 9, 1995
BIGGEST HOME ATTENDANCE: 7,942
Oct 1, (1989) (Hamilton 2, at 86ers 3...1989 CSL Cup Final)
MOST GOALS SCORED IN A LEAGUE GAME:
7 – Edmonton 1, at 86ers 7 (July 20, 1988)
Calgary 3, at 86ers 7 (June 4, 1989)
MOST GOALS CONCEDED IN A LEAGUE GAME:
6 – 86ers 2, at Tampa Bay 6 (June 6, 1993)
BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN:
6 – Edmonton 1, at 86ers 7 (July 20, 1988)
Kitchener 0, at 86ers 6 (July 17, 1991)
Winnipeg 0, at 86ers 6 (July 10, 1992)
BIGGEST LOSING MARGIN:
5 – 86ers 0, at Seattle 5 (July 30, 1994)
MOST GOALS-ONE PLAYER (REGULAR SEASON):
25 – Domenic Mobilio (1991)
MOST CAREER GOALS (REGULAR SEASON):
99 – Domenic Mobilio (1987-1995)
MOST CAREER GAMES PLAYED (REGULAR SEASON):
175 – Ivor Evans (1987-1995)
MOST SAVES (ONE SEASON):
145 – Paul Dolan (1993)
MOST SHUTOUTS (ONE SEASON):
7 – Sven Habermann (1988), Paul Dolan (1990)
MOST CAREER SHUTOUTS (REGULAR SEASON):
28 – Paul Dolan (1988, 1990-95)
LONGEST WINNING STREAK:
8 – July 11, 1990-August 15, 1990, July 17, 1991-August 16, 1991
LONGEST LOSING STREAK:
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Oct 1, (1989) (Hamilton 2, at 86ers 3...1989 CSL Cup Final)

1996 Schedule

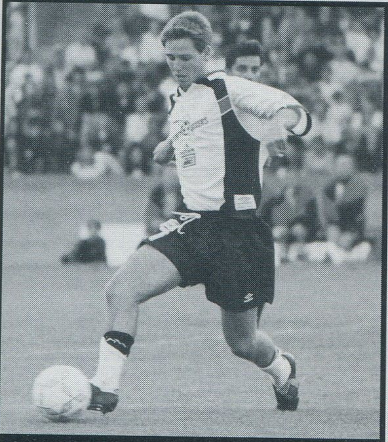
Home

Date	Opponent
May 25	Seattle
June 2	Colorado
June 9	Atlanta
July 5	Rochester
July 7	New York
July 14	Seattle
July 19	Montreal
July 31	Colorado
Aug. 16	Rochester
Aug. 21	Montreal
Aug. 30	Seattle
Sept. 4	New York
Sept. 6	Colorado
Sept. 13	Atlanta

Away

Date	Opponent
Apr. 27	Seattle
June 7	Colorado
June 16	Montreal
June 19	Atlanta
June 21	Rochester
June 23	New York
July 25	Colorado
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Aug. 4	New York
Aug. 7	Rochester
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Aug. 24	Seattle
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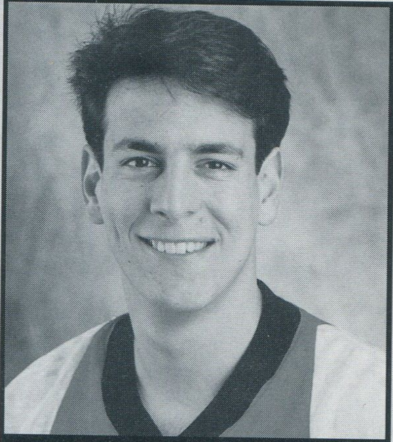
Vancouver Eighty-Sixers



Giuliano Oliviero
Midfielder

Ht: 6-0 **Wt:** 170
DOB: February 26, 1974
Professional:

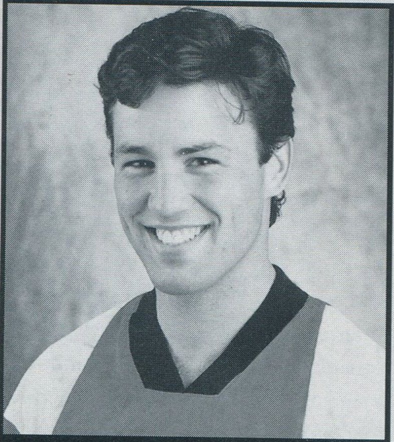
The 22-year-old midfielder signed with the 86ers June 5, 1995 and made his A-League debut just 4 days later, scoring the only 86er goal in a 3-1 loss to Atlanta...He then made it 6 goals in his first 6 A-League games, breaking Domenic Mobilio's 86er club record for consecutive game goal-scoring streak in the process...In his first season with the team Giuliano led the 86ers in goals with 9 and added 1 assist, good for 6th place in the league scoring race ...He was named the A-League Rookie of the Year and voted to the First All-Star team in a post-season poll by the league's coaches ...He spent the off-season playing indoor soccer with Milwaukee of the NPSL...A former regular with the Canadian National U-20 team, Giuliano is currently with the Canadian Olympic (U-23) team.



Domenic Mobilio
Forward/Midfielder

Ht: 5-11 **Wt:** 175
DOB: January 14, 1969
Professional:

The 86ers all-time leading scorer, Domenic has 99 career regular season A-League and CSL goals, but only one of those goals came in an injury-plagued 1995 campaign...A ruptured hamstring limited Domenic's playing time last year to 7 late season games as a second half substitute...After spending the winter playing indoor soccer with Harrisburg of the NPSL Mobilio has regained his fitness and his familiar goal scoring form...In addition to his 99 regular season goals Domenic has found the back of the net 13 times in 18 career CSL and A-League playoff games...Individual honours include CSL All-Star selections in 88, 90 and 91, the 91 CSL Scoring Title (when he scored a league record 25 goals), the 91 CSL MVP Award and Second All-Star team honours in the A-League in 93...Domenic has 20 full caps for Canada's National Team.

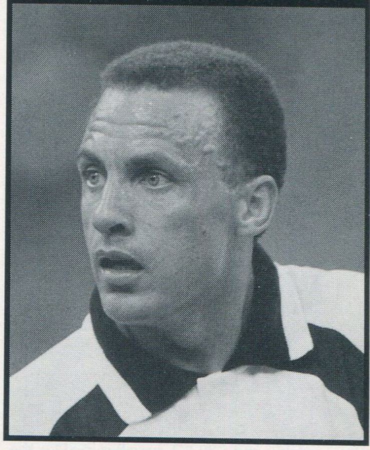


Steve MacDonald
Defender

Ht: 6-0 **Wt:** 185
DOB: October 13, 1970
Professional:

Steve joined the 86ers as a 16-year-old in 1987 and is one of three players that have been with the club continuously since Day One...Steve made his First Team debut Aug 12, 1987 in a 2-1 loss in Ottawa...His breakthrough came in 1989 when he took over from the retired Bob Lenarduzzi at centreback and was voted to the CSL's First All-Star Team...His teammates also voted him the coveted 86er "Players' Player of the Year" award in 1989...Additional CSL All- Star awards followed in 1990 and 1991...Steve was on the A-League's Second All-Star team in 1993...His height and heading power make him a threat on set plays and MacDonald has bagged 10 career goals, including 4 in 1992 and 2 in 1994...He ranks second on the club's games-played list with 163 career regular season games...A regular with Canadian Youth and Olympic (U-23) National Teams, in 1993 Steve graduated to the Full National Team and has five full "caps" for Canada.

Coach's Notes



Carl Valentine
Player/Coach
General Manager

Ht: 5-9 **Wt:** 166
DOB: July 4, 1958
Birthplace: Manchester, England

An "Original 86er," 1996 is Carl's 10th season with the club and his third as playing coach...He posted a 2-2 record in 1993 as an interim coach in the absence of Bob Lenarduzzi, had a 7-13 record in his first full season as head coach in 1994 and posted a 10-14 mark last year...Carl turned pro in 1977 with Oldham Athletic of the English 2nd Division, moved to the NASL with the Vancouver Whitecaps in 1979, was transferred to West Bromwich Albion of the English First Division (now known as the Premier League) in 1984, and turned his attention to indoor soccer in the MISL in 1986...He returned to Vancouver when the 86ers were founded in 1987...In 159 career regular season games with the 86ers Valentine has bagged 15 goals, including the first goal in club history in an opening night 4-2 win over Edmonton June 7, 1987...Carl played for Canada at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and has a total of 31 "A" caps for Canada.

Club History

February 1989: The Colorado Foxes Professional Soccer franchise was awarded to the Nixdorf Family of Paderborn, Germany. Team headquarters were based at Stroh Ranch in Parker, Colorado, also owned by the Nixdorf Family.

1990: The season saw the Foxes play a 20-game schedule within the APSL's Western Soccer League Conference, and finish in third place with a 14-6 record. Although the Foxes scored just 22 goals in 20 games this season, Foxes goalkeeper Mark Dodd set a still-standing League record with 13 shutouts and a Goals Against Average of 0.36.

1991: The season saw the Foxes miss the playoffs for the first time after finishing the season winning 5 of their last 6 games, bringing their overall record for the season to 13-8. The Foxes scored 37 goals in 21 games, led by APSL Rookie of the Year Zico Doe, who contributed 12 goals throughout the year.

1992: The Foxes were crowned APSL Champions, after defeating Tampa Bay 1-0. Under new Head Coach Dave Dir, the Foxes won 13 of 18 APSL matches and a 20-6-1 overall record for the year. The Foxes were led by APSL Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year Taifour Diane, who scored 10 goals, and goalkeeper Mark Dodd, who won a second GAA title (0.97), beating out teammate Jim St. Andre (1.22).

1993: The Foxes became "Back-to-Back" APSL Champions by defeating Los Angeles 3-1 in overtime before a national TV audience. Down 0-1 with 3 minutes remaining in the second half, Robert Lipp assisted Ted Eck in the tying goal that sent the game into overtime. The Foxes finished the season with an overall record of 15-9, which tied them for first with Vancouver.

1994: Foxes Assistant Coach and Player Personnel Director Lorne Donaldson assumed Head Coaching duties just 3 days before the season start. After a roller coaster season, the Foxes defeated regular-season Champion Seattle in a three-game playoff series to reach their third consecutive Championship Game, only to lose to Montreal 0-1.

Last Season

After a streak of three consecutive trips to the A-League Championship Game, the Colorado Foxes ended 1995 with an 8-16 season record. This was only the second time in team history that the Foxes did not make the playoffs. The 1995 Foxes fielded several members of the 1992 and 1993 A-League Championship teams with widely-acclaimed rookies, and it was not unusual for as many as five of the ten first-year players to be found in the starting lineup.

The season ended up being a roller coaster ride for the Foxes, who began by dropping their first 4 games. After winning four of the next 5, Colorado looked to be a team starting to gel and making their way up the A-League standings.

The Foxes then dropped a two-game, home-and-home series with Vancouver, seeing their record fall to 4-7. Finally, in mid-July, the Foxes offense caught fire, fighting to put the club just one game under .500 at the All-Star break, just past the season's midway point.

Just when fans thought the squad was beginning to find themselves, however, the Foxes were beset by injuries, losing several key players for critical games. From July 28 to August 23, the Foxes lost 7 straight matches, a franchise record for consecutive losses.

Despite their 6-14 mark, the Foxes had a chance to catch Atlanta and capture the 4th and final playoff spot, just two weeks prior to the close of the regular season. Despite a valiant Foxes effort, the Ruckus won in a shootout, 3-2.

Colorado Foxes — Colorado

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Commerce City, CO 80022

1995 Individual Statistics

No.	Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	Shootout G	Shootout Att.	Minutes
2	D	Mike Mikes	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	892
2	D	Kenneth Hesse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
3	D	Robert Lipp	16	12	0	1	1	0	2	1060
4	D	Robin Fraser	22	22	1	2	4	2	2	1980
5	D	Kim Roentved	24	24	5	2	12	1	6	2054
6	D	Chris Martinez	15	15	0	0	0	0	1	1237
7	M	Carsten Siersbaek	19	18	5	1	11	1	1	1443
9	F	Henrik Fig	6	4	1	0	2	0	2	317
9	F	Noah Epstein	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	77
10	F	Jeff Hooker	20	13	7	0	14	0	1	1261
11	F	Walter Boyd	9	7	0	3	3	0	0	556
12	M	Mark Santel	23	23	1	3	5	1	4	1985
13	M	Brian Haynes	14	13	1	2	4	0	1	1044
13	M	Chris Santel	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	140
14	M	Ted Eck	20	20	3	2	8	0	3	1748
15	M	Rafael Amaya	8	2	1	0	2	1	1	287
16	M	Rivers Guthrie	19	16	3	2	8	0	2	1373
18	M	Arron Lujan	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	227
19	M	Anthony McCreath	22	17	1	2	4	1	1	1563
20	M	Chad Haugland	10	4	0	1	1	0	0	463
22	F	Matt Okoh	20	14	5	2	12	1	1	1431
23	F	Stoner Tadlock	8	5	1	0	2	2	3	545

No.	Goalkeepers	GP	GS	Saves	GA	SO	Minutes	GAA	W	L
1	Mark Dodd	24	24	124	41	4	2160	1.71	8	16
00	Trey Harrington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0

Club Records

Overall Record: 95-61-1
Most wins in a season: 15 (1993)
Least wins in a season: 8 (1995)

Team Records

Most goals in a single season
12 – Zico Doe (1991)
Most Goals, Career:
19 – Ted Eck (1992-1995)
Most points in a season:
26 – Zico Doe (1991)
Most Points, Career:
48 – Chad Ashton (1990-1994)
48 – Taifour Diane (1992-1993)
48 – Ted Eck (1992-1995)

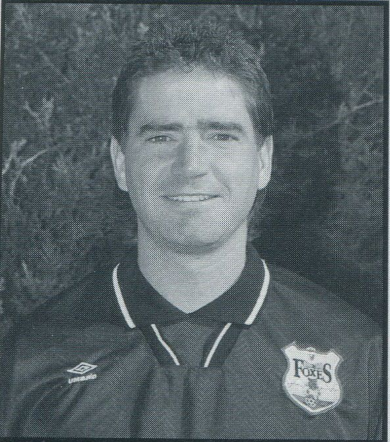
1996 Schedule

Home Date	Home Opponent	Away Date	Away Opponent
May 17	Seattle*	May 11	Seattle
May 24	Atlanta	June 2	Vancouver
June 7	Vancouver*	June 9	New York
June 20	New York	June 12	Montreal
June 23	Montreal	June 22	Seattle
June 27	Rochester	July 17	Atlanta
July 11	Seattle	July 20	Seattle
July 14	Montreal	July 31	Vancouver
July 25	Vancouver	Aug. 14	Atlanta
July 28	Atlanta	Aug. 21	Rochester
Aug. 8	New York	Aug. 23	Montreal*
Aug. 18	Rochester	Sept. 6	Vancouver*
Aug. 25	Vancouver	Sept. 13	Rochester*
Sept. 1	Seattle	Sept. 14	New York

Sunday games at 2:00 p.m. All others at 7:30 p.m., MT.
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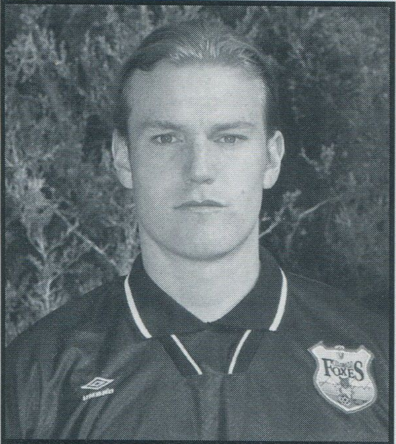
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Foxes



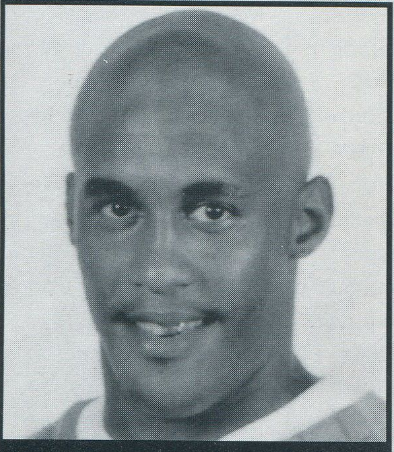
Jeff Hooker
Forward

Ht: 5-10 **Wt:** 175
Professional:
Starting his sixth season with the Foxes, Jeff "Hooks" Hooker is the fifth leading scorer in Foxes history and tenth in the Foxes' all-time minutes played. A 1987 All-American from UCLA, Jeff spent four years with the L.A. Heat of the Western Soccer League before joining the Foxes in 1991. A member of the U.S. National Team from 1984-87, he scored one goal, earned 14 CAPS and made the NCAA All-Far West Team each year during the same time period. Jeff also serves as the University of Denver Women's Soccer Team Head Coach.



Chris Martinez
Defender

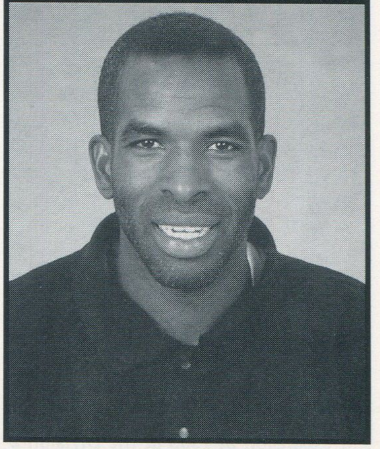
Ht: 6-2 **Wt:** 185
Professional:
Coming into his fourth year with the Foxes, it wasn't until the '95 campaign that Chris "Big Red" Martinez became a major contributor. A native of Parker, CO, Chris is a graduate of Ponderosa High School and is known for his aggressive defense as well as his uncanny ability to win balls in the air. He missed all but two International Challenge Series games in 1994 due to a back injury and was also a member of the 1989 United States Olympic Festival squad.



Wolde Harris
Forward

Ht: 5-10 **Wt:** 190
Professional:
Wolde comes to the Foxes after a brilliant career with Clemson University, which saw him set numerous school records and receive many honors. He holds Clemson's All-Time career scoring record with 76 goals and is second on their career points list with 170. He's only the second player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to score 20 or more goals in three consecutive seasons and is second on the ACC career list for most goals scored. He was named pre-season All-American by both Soccer News and Soccer America his senior year, as well as second team All-ACC both his junior and sophomore year, and first team All-American by Soccer News his junior year and second team All-American his sophomore year.

Coach's Notes



Lorne Donaldson
Coach

Beginning his third season as the Foxes Head Coach, Lorne Donaldson has been with the club since its inception in 1990, in numerous capacities. He began as a player under then Head Coach Emilio Romero, but made his greatest impact on the club by running instructional camps for youth players during the summer.

In 1991, Donaldson became an assistant coach under Romero. That year saw the Foxes increase their goal output by scoring 37 goals, a +15 increase over the year before when Donaldson was a player. During the 1992 and 1993 season, Donaldson was an assistant coach and Player Personnel Director for the Foxes under new Head Coach Dave Dir.

As a coach, Donaldson believed constant forward pressure and relentless attacking of the opposing team's defense would reap great rewards. As Player Personnel Director, Donaldson was soon rewarded when he found a player to fit his desired style of play, Taifour Diane. Donaldson used Diane's speed and skill to rip up Brooklyn, New York's Prospect Park league. Diane, under Donaldson's tutelage, went on to win several A-League honors, including MVP and Rookie of the Year.

With many of the veteran players gone from the Foxes squad of a year ago, Coach Donaldson will be looking to last year's rookies to provide leadership. Says Donaldson, "Last year's rookies will provide this year's stability and they will generate the energy and the teamwork that will take us back to the top of the league."

Club History

The concept of forming the New York Fever began in 1993 by Bob Butler. By the spring of 1994, the NY Fever were granted a franchise in the third division United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (USISL). The team was also sanctioned as a professional soccer club by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). In their first season, the Fever finished 9-11 placing sixth in the USISL's Northeast Division. Building on the experience, the Fever managed to become the 1995 USISL Northeast Division Champions. The Fever were regional hosts for the 1995 USISL "Sizzlin' Nine" Championship series and finished with a stellar record of 21-6.

The growth of soccer in the USA also saw expansion in 1995 at the Division 2 A-League. The New York Centaurs were formed by businessman Roger Gorevic, a native of England. Playing their inaugural season at Downing Stadium in New York City, the Centuars finished at 7-17. As plans for the MLS unfolded and other squads inquired about professional status, management from both the Fever and Centaurs took stock of their positions and began reassessing their business plans. After initial inquiries built into serious discussions, both squads felt that combining the two teams into one entity would be in everyone's best interest. The merger of the New York Centaurs and the New York Fever was formally announced on January 31, 1996. The team will now play in the Division 2 "A-League" as the New York Fever. The team looks forward to the 1996 season, buliding on its concept of community outreach and quality family entertainment.

Last Season

The New York Fever, led by former US National Peter Vermes' 38 total points, won the USISL Northeast Division Championship with a 21-6 record. As regional hosts for the USISL "Sizzlin Nine" Championship series, the Fever edged a strong squad from Hawaii before losing to the Minnesota Thunder in a shoot-out. The New York Centaurs finished their A-League season at 7-17, playing .500 ball against the two squads in the A-League Championship, Seattle and Atlanta. The Centaurs, participating in the US Open Cup, defeated the Connecticut Wolves 3-0 while down a man, before losing to the Chicago Sting 1-0 in the round-of-eight.

New York

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Capacity: 4,200
Chairman: Roger Gorevic
President: Larry Zeilinski

General Manager: Jim Kilmeade
Head Coach: Mark Shearer
Director of Media Relations:
Jonathan Bennett
Office Manager: Wendi Davidson
Director of Marketing: Robert Parker

1995 Individual Statistics

1995 PLAYER STATISTICS: NEW YORK FEVER (USISL)

Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	PTS.	Minutes
F	Peter Vermes	25	24	16	6	38	1,465
M	John DeBrito	26	20	11	1	23	1,354
M	Jim McElderry	23	22	6	3	15	1,246
M	Jorge Acosta	15	14	3	8	14	792
M	Mickey Kydes	23	21	2	8	12	1,246

1995 GOALIE STATISTICS: NEW YORK FEVER (USISL)

Player	GP	GS	GA	Saves	AVG	Minutes
Sal Rosamilia	25	24	12.5	20	0.86	1,399
Phil Wheddon	6	3	1.5	4	0.91	265

1995 PLAYER STATISTICS: NEW YORK CENTAURS (A-LEAGUE)

Pos.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	PTS	Minutes
F	Joseph Babatunde	17	13	4	2	10	1,248
F	Moses Osazuwa	18	16	4	1	9	1,446
F	Sadri Gjonbalaj	20	18	4	0	8	1,497
M	Marcelo Carrera	17	11	3	0	6	965
D/M	Dan Calichman	23	23	2	0	4	2,067

1995 GOALIE STATISTICS: NEW YORK CENTAURS (A-LEAGUE)

NAME	GP	GS	G	Saves	AVG	Minutes
Jim St. Andre	12	11	16	4	1.453	991
Bo Oshaniyi	13	13	23	3	1.770	1,169

Club Records

New York Fever overall record:
30-17/.638 **Home:** 16-9/.640 **Away:** 14-8/.636
1995 New York Fever record:
21-6
Biggest victory:
6-0 vs. Ft. Lauderdale (1995)
Biggest loss:
0-3 vs. Boston (1994)
Longest winning streak:
9 (1995)
Longest losing streak:
5 (1994)

Team Records

Most Goals in Season:
16 P. Vermes (1995)
Most Goals in Career:
16 P. Vermes
Most Assists in Season:
8 J. Acosta (1995)
Most Assists in Career:
15 J. Acosta
Most Points in Season:
38 P. Vermes (1995)
Most Points in Career:
38 P. Vermes

1996 Schedule

Home Date	Opponent	Away Date	Opponent
May 19	Rochester[1]	May 10	Rochester#
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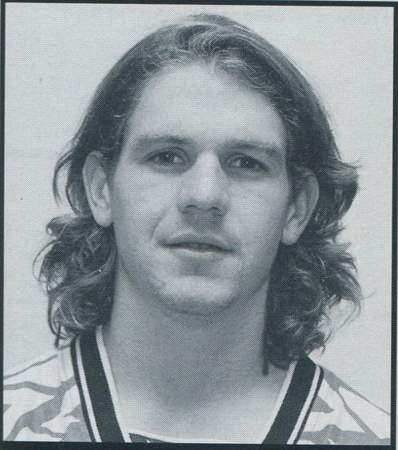
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[2]LI-SUNY @ Stoneybrook, NY / [3]Willowbrook Park-New Britain, CT
[4]War Memorial Field-Philadelphia, PA / #Games live on Prime Sports

Fever



Joseph Mortarulo
Defense

Ht: 6-1 **Wt:** 180 **Birthplace:** Scotch Plains, NJ
DOB: February 1, 1970 **Hometown:** Highland Lakes, NJ
Pro Experience: New York Fever-USISL 1995, North Jersey Imperials-USISL 1994...5 International Caps with Puerto Rican National Team 1994.
Career Highlight: Voted by teammates as New York Fever 1995 Ernst & Young Most Valuable Player.
Semi-Pro/College Experience: Fairleigh Dickinson University 1991-1993
Favorite Team: AC Milan
Personal Awards/Statistics: NY Fever 1995 MVP, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Captain & MVP 1993...Mid Atlantic All-American at FDU 1993.
Hobbies: Skiing and going to the movies.



Jim McElderry
Midfield/Defense

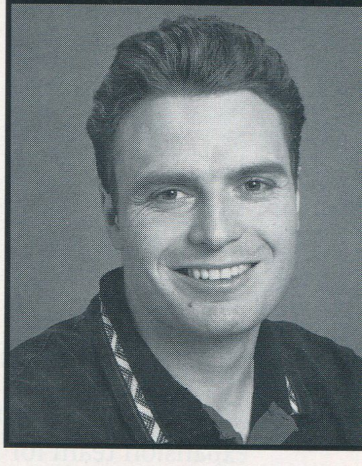
Ht: 5-8 **Wt:** 160 **Birthplace:** New Brunswick, NJ
DOB: February 1, 1971 **Hometown:** Ramsey, NJ
Pro Experience: New York Fever-USISL 1994 & 1995
Career Highlight: Scored winning, overtime goal for Fairfield University vs LaSalle during MAAC semi-finals.
Semi-Pro/College Experience: Fresinone of Long Island Super League 1992-1993, Fairfield University 1988-1991.
Favorite Team: Ajax (Netherlands)
Personal Awards/Statistics: Third leading scorer for NY Fever in 1995 (6 goals and 3 assists)...1991 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Player-Of-The-Year.
Hobbies: Physical fitness and music.



Chris Szanto
Defense

Ht: 5-11 **Wt:** 175 **Birthplace:** Poughkeepsie, NY
DOB: September 17, 1967 **Hometown:** Poughkeepsie, NY
Pro Experience: New York Fever-USISL 1994-1995, Buffalo Blizzard-NPSL 1992-1993, Cleveland Crunch-MISL 1990-1992, Albany Capitals-APSL 1990-1991....20 appearances for USA National Under-20 team.
Career Highlight: Scored overtime goal for Cleveland Crunch vs the Dallas Sidekicks in the 1992 MISL playoffs.
Semi-Pro/College Experience: North Carolina State 1985-1986, 1988-1989.
Favorite Team: Manchester United
Personal Awards/Statistics: Defensive MVP for Buffalo Blizzard 1993, MISL All-Rookie Team 1990, Four-Time All-ACC member & 1889 All-American while at NC State.
Hobbies: Guitar and golf.

Coach's Notes



Mark Shearer
Head Coach

New York Fever head coach Mar Shearer's outstanding playin record, and even more impressiv pro coaching record (41-14), com bine to make him one of the mos successful U.S. soccer coaches...a the tender age of 28! His first "Fever year saw a stunning turnaround, a he transformed the team with a 9-1 1994 record to a 1995 championshi team with 21 wins and only 6 loss es—results achieved despite a playe budget that was slashed in half Shearer credits the Fever's success t his "keep it simple" philosophy "Work as a unit to win the ball bac from your opponents. Then kee possession or put it in their net!"

As a player, Shearer appeared wit the England U-18 National Team gaining caps against Scotland an Switzerland, and played four year with Fairleigh Dickinson University including two NCAA Division Championship competitions (198 1989). Shearer also spent severa periods with Newcastle United, an credits Kevin Keegan (for whom Shearer is a U.S. player scout) wit influencing his coaching philoso phies.

A proven winner, Shearer looks for ward to the "new challenge" an "fierce competition" the A-Leagu has to offer. In addition to assistin with the Fever's youth camp, Sheare also owns and directs Tri-Stat Soccer School, a New Jersey-base professional youth coaching organi zation that draws 2,000 children a year to its varied programs.

Rochester

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Team colors: Black, Green, White, Silver, Gold

Stadium: Frontier Field
333 N. Plymouth Ave.
Rochester, NY (July 12 - September 13)
Capacity: 14,000

Stadium: Fauver Stadium
University of Rochester
Rochester, NY (May 10 - June 21)
Capacity: 5,000

Club History

The Rochester Raging Rhinos may be an A-League expansion team for the upcoming 1996 season, but soccer fans in the Rochester area are no strangers to the sport - in fact, Rochester has quite a tradition of the world's most watched game. The Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League had great clubs in the late '60's and early '70's, including a NASL championship in 1970. It was only natural for the ownership group of Steve Donner, Frank DuRoss and Chris Economides to form and bring professional soccer back to Rochester.

The unique Rochester ownership group combines the financial, business and hockey ownership experience of DuRoss, the fifteen years of sports marketing and management of Donner in hockey and lacrosse and the soccer background and ownership of Economides. In its inaugural season, the Rhinos will play at Frontier Field, Rochester's new downtown stadium that seats 14,000 for soccer.

The Raging Rhinos nickname was selected by a "Name the Team" contest, which drew over 1,500 entries with 500 different names. Narrowed to a list of ten names, a celebrity panel chose four names, which included Rhinos, Rampage, Ravens and Roccers. Realizing the character and marketing possibilities of Rhinos, the club selected an animal most known for its tenacious and tough identity.

Pat Ercoli, a veteran of the NASL and indoor professional soccer, will take the coaching reins for the Rhinos in their inaugural season. Ercoli, a native of Toronto, starred for the Rochester Lancers in the late 1970's as a midfielder. He recently has been an assistant coach with Finger Lakes Community College and Monroe Community College in the Rochester area. Assisting Ercoli this season will be former Lancer teammate Frank Odoi, a native of Ghana who played professional soccer for 18 seasons, including representing Ghana in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

The Rhinos have signed several key players over the winter months, including forwards Zoran Karic and Doug Miller from the indoor Cleveland Crunch, midfielders Andrew "Yogi" McKay (Buffalo-NPSL) and Tommy Tanner (Cleveland-NPSL), defenders Matt Knowles (Milwaukee-NPSL), Rene Rivas (Brazil), Marco Rizi (Buffalo-NPSL) and goalkeeper Bill Andracki (Atlanta-A-League). With the addition of a talented crop of local players, the Rhinos hope to vie for the A-League championship in their first season of play.

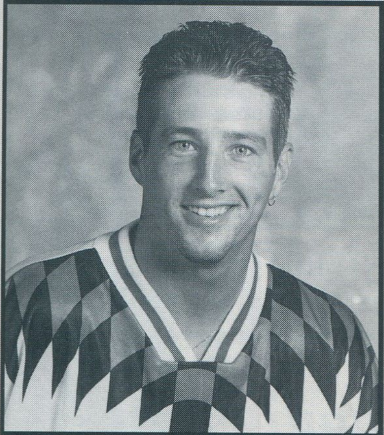
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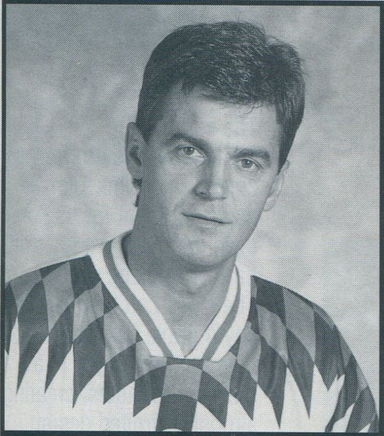
Rhinos



Doug Miller

Doug Miller will be the Rhinos "deep threat" this season, an exciting player that will be a key figure in Rochester's offense in their inaugural season. The forward will mainly play the outside wing position, and Rhino's Head Coach Pat Ercoli will utilize his speed in one-on-one battles with the opposition's defender. "We want him to be isolated on the outside," explained Ercoli. "Doug's a quick player who is able to work the outside position very well."

Miller, 27, has played the last two outdoor seasons with the New York Fever of the USISL, and also has A-League experience with the Maryland Bays during the 1991 outdoor season. An accomplished indoor player as well, Miller was third in team scoring for the Cleveland Crunch this past winter in the NPSL. Traded to the Crunch from Harrisburg during the 1993-94 indoor season, the native of Newark, New Jersey, has five years indoor experience, including his first season of professional soccer with Baltimore of the MISL in 1991-92. Miller played his college soccer at Loyola-Baltimore.

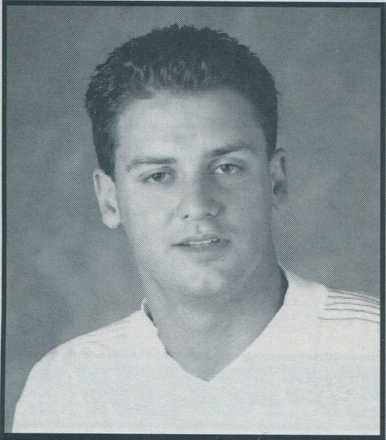


Zoran Karic

When Head Coach Pat Ercoli was hired by the Rhinos, he promised an offensive-minded team. He then went out and signed four defenders and a goalkeeper. Rochester soccer fans were asking where the fuel for the fire was. When the Rhinos signed striker Zoran Karic, Ercoli had suddenly supplied "high-test" to the Rhinos offense.

Karic, 34, has been a long-time offensive machine in the indoor game. One of the all-time leading point scorers in the NPSL and MISL, Karic has played for San Diego (1987-1989) and Cleveland (1989-1996) during his indoor career. Karic won two MISL championships in San Diego, and was a West Division All-Star during the 1989-90 season. Traded to Cleveland during that season, Karic led the MISL in goals (73) in 1990-91, was the league scoring champ in 1991-92, and was selected a First Team All-Star in 1992-93. His best season was the following year, when Karic was the NPSL Most Valuable Player, earning First Team All-Star accolades and led the league in points and assists, setting NPSL all-time records in the process.

During the 1994-95 campaign, Zoran was a First Team All-Star and Co-MVP of the league's all-star game. Karic finished second in league scoring to teammate Hector Marinaro this past season. The native of Kacarevo, Yugoslavia starred with international power Partizan Belgrade before beginning his indoor career in the United States in 1987.



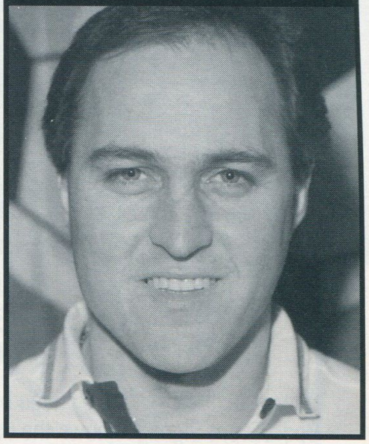
Tommy Tanner

Helping to solidify the midfield position in the Rhinos first season of A-League play is Tommy Tanner. A native of Syracuse, New York, Tanner will be considered a "local boy" in Rochester, and he promises to excite the Rhino faithful with his superb playmaking skills.

Tanner has five seasons of indoor experience, all with Cleveland. In 1991-92 he was named the MISL's Rookie of the Year in his freshman season of pro soccer. The 5'8", 150-pounder has been a solid force for the Crunch, enjoying his best season in 1993-94 when he notched 83 points in 40 games. Tanner finished sixth on the Crunch in scoring this past season with 71 points in 29 games.

A two-time Parade Magazine All-American at Syracuse Henninger High School, Tanner was selected All-New York State three times during his high school career. Tommy was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection during his college career at North Carolina State, helping the Wolfpack to a NCAA Final Four appearance his senior season.

Coach's Notes



Pat Ercoli
Coach

Guiding the Rochester Rhinos in their inaugural season of A-League play will be Pat Ercoli, a 37-year-old native of Toronto who is no stranger to Rochester soccer fans. Ercoli starred for the Rochester Lancers of the NASL for three seasons (1978-80), where his hard work and tenacious play made him a fan favorite. He will bring that same philosophy to the Rhinos as he prepares the expansion club for its first season.

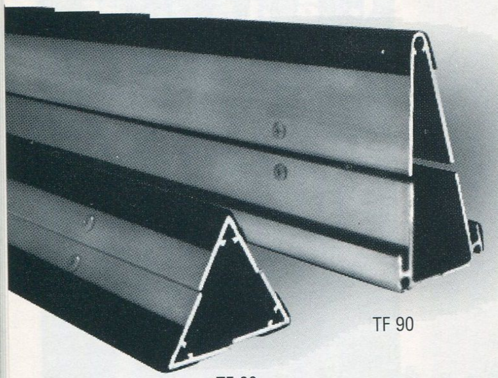
Ercoli began his professional soccer career with Toronto Italia (NSL) in 1976 before moving to the Toronto Castors the following season, where they captured a championship. While thrilling Rochester soccer fans during his Lancer years, Ercoli also adopted the indoor game, playing for the New York Arrows (MISL). Ercoli also played for Detroit, Buffalo and Baltimore in the MISL before closing his ten-year professional career with the Cleveland Force.

He captured three MISL division championships and one overall league title while in Baltimore.

Since his retirement from the pro game, Ercoli has lived in Rochester with his wife and four children while entering private business in the area. He kept active in soccer by coaching youth leagues, and spent time as an assistant coach with Finger Lakes Community College and Monroe Community College, both Rochester area two-year schools.

Ercoli promises a hardworking club that will be entertaining and offensive-minded. The Rhinos hope that this blueprint for success will lead them into a contending position in the A-League come September.

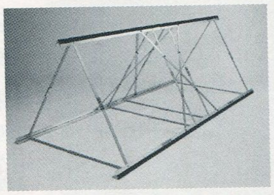
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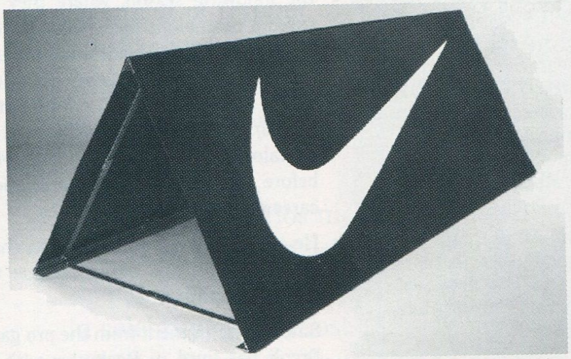
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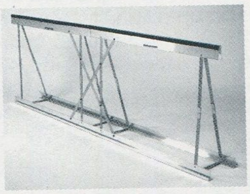
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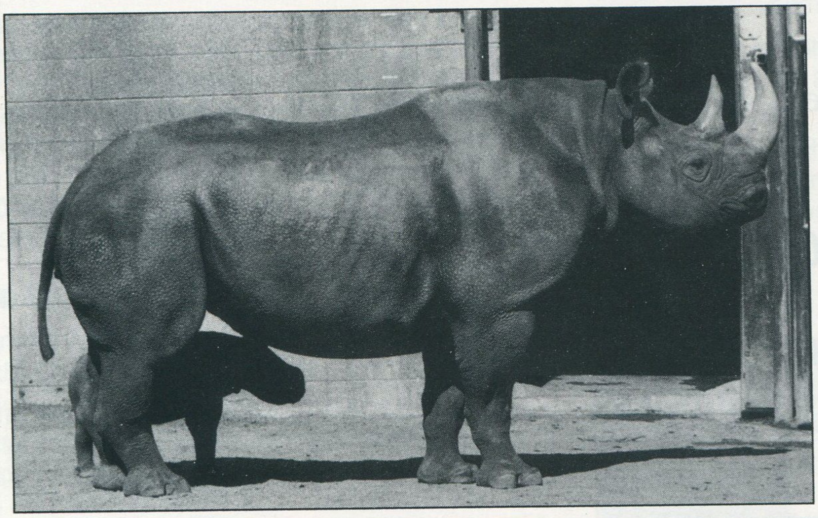
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BY T. NICHOLS

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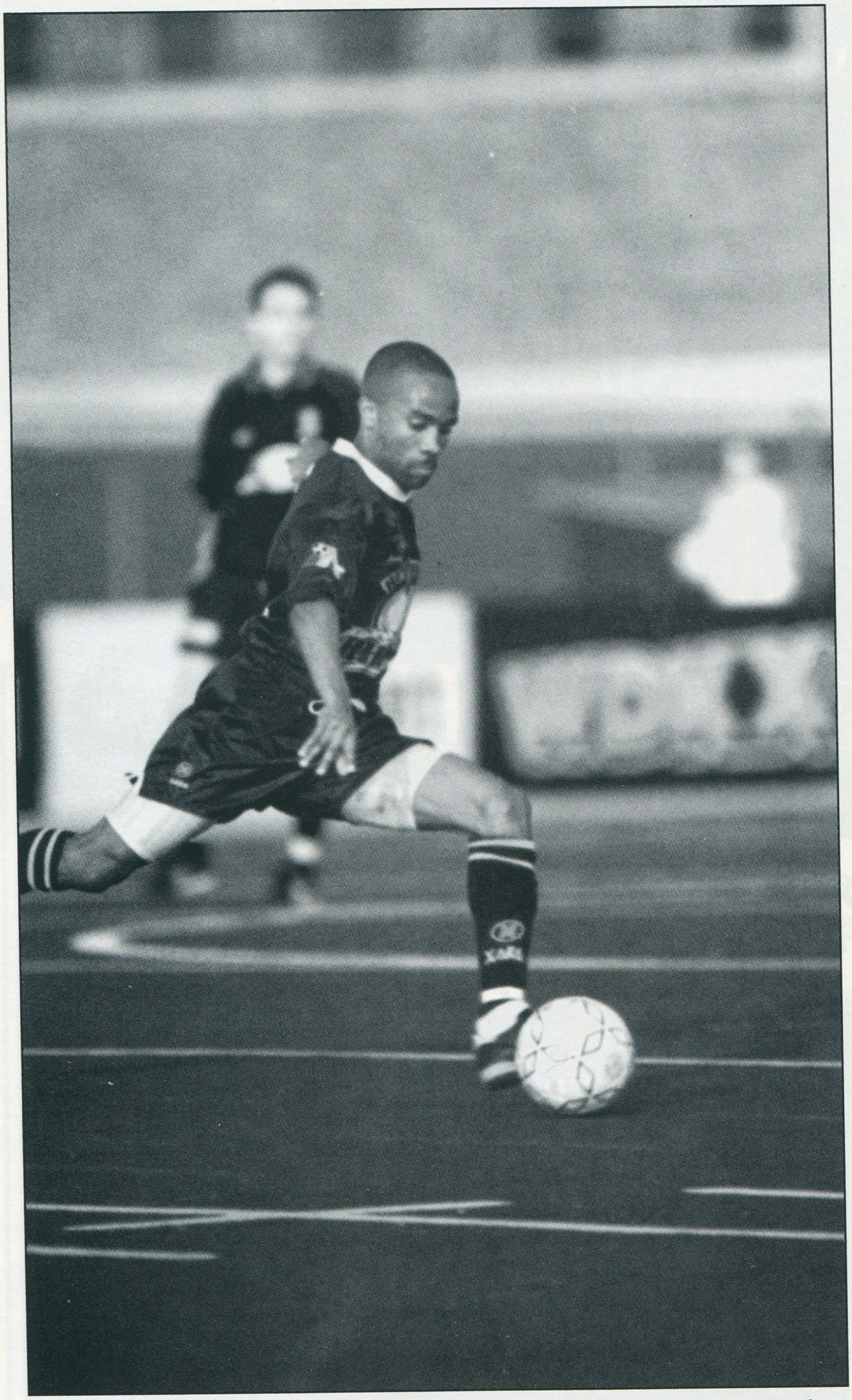
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Leon Minott Plays a Role On and Off the Field

Rhino Defender Adds Local Flavor



Although small in size, Leon Minott plays big on the field in helping the Rhinos keep the ball out of their net.

By Justin Roj

When talking with Rhinos defender Leon Minott you sense immediately that he is not your stereotypical professional athlete. There is calmness around him, even though he and his team are in the midst of whirlwind.

Since the Rochester Raging Rhinos kicked off their first season in the A-League, they have struggled to find their identity, at times brilliant in their play, while other times uninspired. Leon Minott is a man who knows firmly who he is and what is important to him. Dedicated to his family and his faith, Minott knows that soccer, while important, is just one piece of a much larger picture.

Born in Spanishtown, Jamaica, Leon grew up with five brothers and four sisters. Yet, he quickly became part of an even larger extended family of children who played soccer in the field across the street from his house.

"When I was two years old, the older kids used to come get me to play soccer before I could even kick the ball," said Minott, about his first experiences with the game he would grow to love. Leon's early introduction to the game fostered a passion for it. He would play almost daily as a youth.

While attending high school, Leon's daily battles with his friends across the street from his house would pay off. "I attended one of the top high schools both academically and athletically in the entire

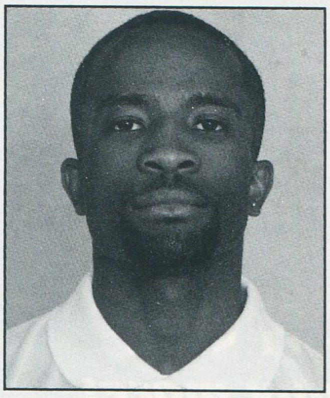
country. Because of this I gained a lot of exposure as a player on a national level," remarked Minott. That exposure turned into an offer to play for Jamaica's Junior National Team and a spot on Boystown, one of the country's top club teams.

With both squads, Leon made the most of his opportunities. He led Boystown to every possible championship in Jamaica in 1989, and in doing so he was named MVP of the league. His success at home did not go unnoticed, Leon was recruited by major colleges and universities across America, including Syracuse and Howard University. Yet, he chose Roberts Wesleyan College here in Rochester.

"At the time I was choosing a college, I did not know the difference between Division One, Two, or Three. So when I chose Roberts it was not a decision based on soccer, because if soccer was my priority I would not have gone to college. I decided to go to college to get my degree, so I could get a good job to help my family," stated Leon.

Minott considers Roberts Wesleyan a rewarding experience. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and met his wife, Beth, while at the school. And, it is these two things that have allowed Leon to define himself outside of the game of soccer and to find that identity for which his team is still searching.

His job with a local accounting firm in Henrietta has allowed him to work with BOCES, where he is gotten an opportunity to give back to kids what was given to him by older friends back in Jamaica so long ago. As a player, Leon credits his toughness to always being a little bit smaller and younger and having to fight harder to win balls away from his opponents. As a person, he credits his achievements to God and those who taught him how to succeed in life outside of soccer.



"I have been given so much, I just want to give back to kids what was given to me. It so important for children, especially African-American children, to have good role models. For some of them their only role models are people in gangs, driving fancy cars and wearing fancy clothes. Driving fancy cars and wearing fancy clothes are fine, I just want to show kids there is a better away to get them," he added.

Minott's three children are a constant reminder of the role he must play. "My son, Keanen, who is four, is a soccer player himself. If he sees me wearing a certain kind of shoe, he wants it. It worries me sometimes, like it does for all parents. But, it also reminds me that I have to be a role model and carry myself properly because my kids as well as other kids look up to me," said Leon.

> *"I have been given so much, I just want to give back to kids what was given to me..."*

Soccer, he believes, is not only a way to express himself and to support his family, but his opportunity to be a role model as well. Along with the recognition his spot on the Rhinos gives him, Leon believes that by helping kids on the field, he can better their lives off of it.

"You see young kids playing soccer and they are so talented," stated Leon, regarding his commitment to youth, "But as they grow older they seem to lose their talent and love of the game. I want to eventually coach and help kids maintain their focus on the game. I believe that they can take the hard work on the field and apply it to other parts of their life."

Religion is also a large part of Leon's life. He credits his faith for his success both on the field and off. "I can not stress enough the role God plays in my life. He has given me the ability to achieve all that I have achieved," said Leon.

Minott is confident that the Rhinos will be able to find their identity this season, just as he as found his own. "I look ahead to the rest of the season and I look at the guys around me and the other teams in the league, and I'm excited. We have struggled at times to get the chemistry that we need, but it is a learning experience. In back, Hector (Marinaro), Yuri (Smotrich), and I have worked out many of our problems and it has showed as we have improved every match. It just a matter of time before we come into our own."

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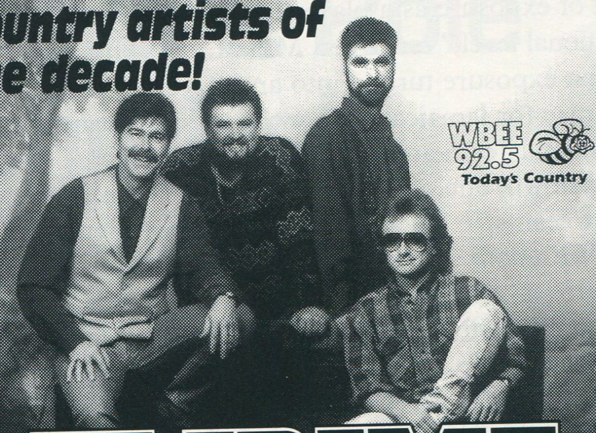
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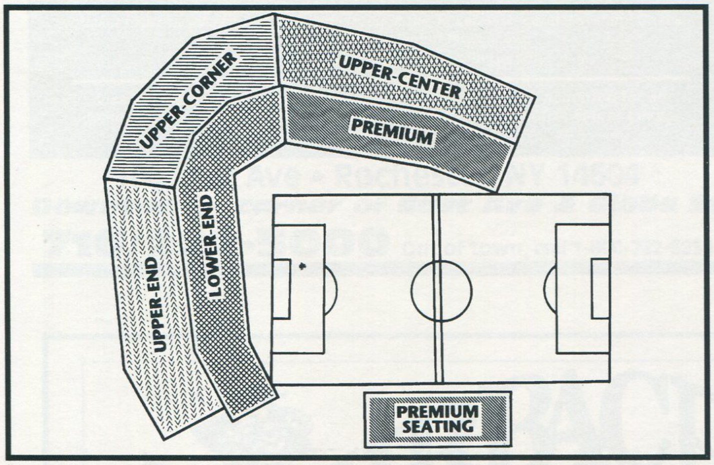
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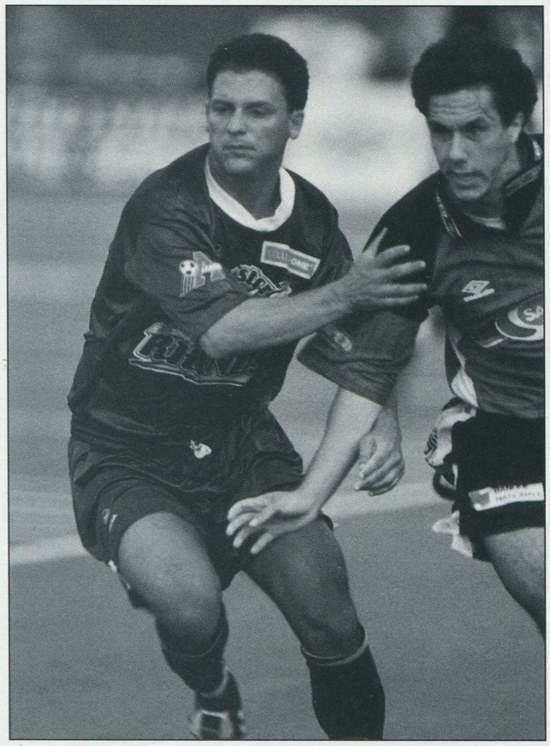
By James T. Lathrop



Forward Danny Kelly scores the first-ever Rhino goal against the New York Fever in a 1-1 shootout loss on May 10, 1996 at Fauver Stadium. Kelly's right-footed blast from 12 yards out will forever be etched in the Rhinos history books.



Rochester native Yogi McKay was the first player signed by the Rhinos, and he has quickly become a fan favorite with his aggressive play on the field and enthusiasm for the game of soccer off the field.



Midfielder Tommy Tanner battles a Montreal player for the ball in an early season contest against the Impact.



The traditional starting 11 team photo before the Rhinos first regular season contest against the New York Fever. Can you name the starters?



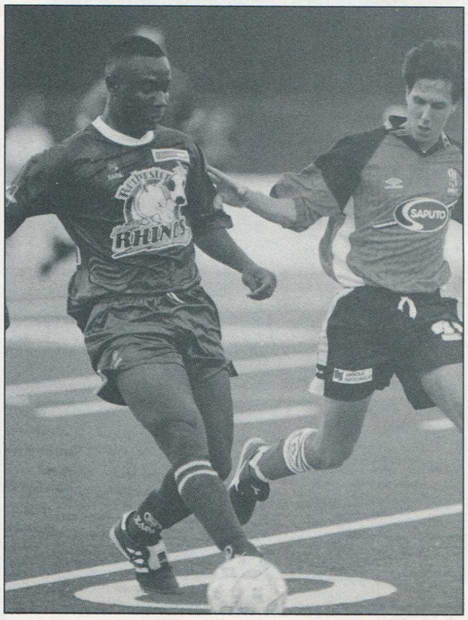
The Rhinos get together for a little pep talk before the kick-off on opening night.



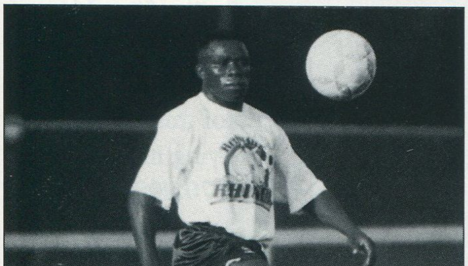
Rhinos defenders Yuri Smotrich (left) and Hector Marinaro sandwich a Montreal player as they clear the ball away from the Rochester net.



Leon Minott executes a perfect sliding tackle as he clears the ball away from an attacking New York Fever player.



Fuseini Dauda dribbles the ball past a Montreal defender on the turf at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.



Ghana native Kofi Debrah joined the Rhinos four games into the season and produced a goal in his first game with Rochester in their 3-2 win over Vancouver on June 21.



Rhinos youth coordinator Pat Grow presents a soccer ball to a young fan at the ABC Head Start Fun Day at St. Stanislaus in mid-June.

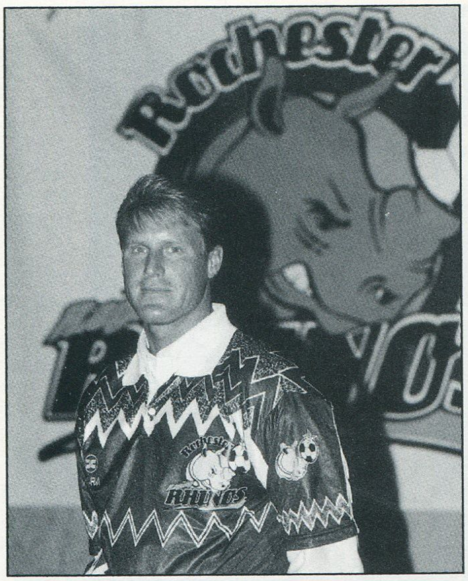


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Ready for Success!

Seasoned goalie provides winning attitude for Rhinos

By Mike Latona

Aside from some bundled-up athletes on the soccer field and a few curious students craning their necks as they walked by, the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium was completely deserted.

Cold vapor shot out of the soccer players' mouths as they ran through their drills. Light snow had fallen earlier that late-April day, making it hard to believe that the team's season opener was less than two weeks away.

At that point, the darkly tanned Billy Andracki may have been wondering exactly what he'd gotten himself into. For someone whose previous outdoor professional soccer career was spent in Georgia and Florida, he could sum up this frigid spring weather in one word.

Yuck.

"This is crazy," the Raging Rhinos' goalie said in disbelief. "When I first got here (in early April), we were running in rain and snow. Every day you wake up and say, 'It's going to be nice today,' and every day it's not."

Weather aside, however, Andracki is anything but a complainer. In fact, the 6-ft., 185-pound goalie gets as excited as a kid on Christmas morning when discussing the first-year Rhinos' prospects for success.

"After all is said and done, this team can compete for, and win, the A-League," Andracki said. "Anything less would be a letdown."

Andracki's own abilities lend credibility to his prediction. As he begins his fifth year in professional soccer, the 27-year-old Andracki brings a diversified list of experience to the Rhinos.

Andracki, a native of Prince William, Va., was an NCAA All-American at Rutgers University in his senior season of 1992. That year he led his team to the Division I national final, and made a heroic effort in the championship game against UCLA. Andracki held the Bruins scoreless through regulation and overtime, but the Scarlet Knights came up short in a tie-breaking shootout and were defeated 1-0.

A similar experience greeted Andracki in his rookie pro season with the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the American Professional Soccer League. Though he only gave up one goal in the A-League title contest against Colorado, that was the game's only score in a 1-0 loss. Andracki finished his sparkling rookie campaign with a 1.55 goals-against average and five shutouts to net the A-League's 1992 Rookie of the Year and Goalie of the Year honors. In addition, *Soccer Digest* voted him Player of the Year.

Andracki spent one more year in Tampa before moving to Atlanta for the 1994 and 1995 outdoor seasons. He also owns four seasons of indoor experience, playing three years with Cleveland of the National Professional Soccer League before switching to Tampa Bay this past winter.

It was indoors that Andracki finally achieved his elusive championship: he served as backup goalie for the 1992-93 Cleveland team that captured the NPSL crown. Andracki's playing rights were recently traded to Chicago, where he plans to play in the winter of 1996-97.

In the meantime, Andracki will be an integral part of the Rhinos' defense – not only with his skills, but also with his awareness of A-League opponents.

"I'll know probably 90 percent of the guys on the other teams," he remarked. "I'll know their strengths and weaknesses, and definitely give my two cents' worth – who's going to take free kicks; how they're going to do corner kicks."

Good team chemistry further fuels Andracki's optimism about the Rhinos. "It's a great bunch of guys; everybody gets along really well. Some teams jell and some don't, but these guys are soccer-knowledgeable and they're personable, too," he said. "Everybody's ready to go. There's a lot of excitement."

An additional cause for enthusiasm is the Rhinos' scheduled move in mid-July to Frontier Field. Andracki, who can view the new facility from his downtown Rochester apartment, reports that Frontier is a perfect soccer fit for a city of this size.

"When I was playing in Tampa Stadium, that was a 70,000-seat place with 4,000-5,000 people in the stands. It seemed like there were two people out there," he remarked. "But this stadium should provide a real soccer atmosphere."

Finally, Andracki noted, he senses the general hoopla over the Rhinos' arrival in a city that has gone without pro soccer for more than a decade.

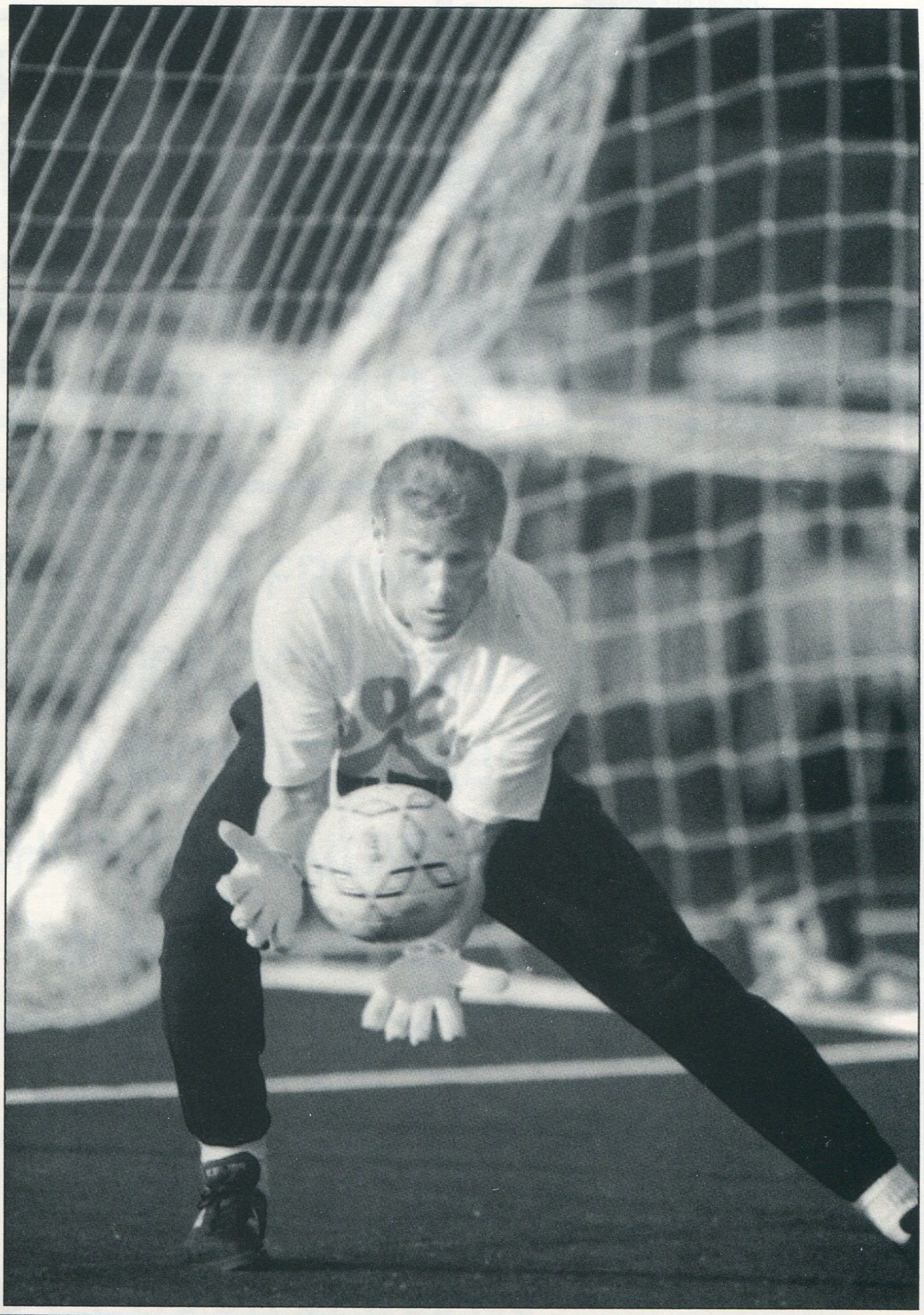
"In Tampa, we pretty much fell off the front page of the sports section. But this area, in the little time I've been here, has given the most

coverage to soccer that I've seen," he said. "All these TV cameras are out to the practices. And, I think this city's dying for a championship."

Andracki hopes to return to Rochester beyond this season, saying he'd love to stay an extended period. Yet in the life of a soccer player, he also knows it's pretty hard to plan far ahead.

"I've been away from home ever since I was 17 years old. Every six months you're beginning a new set of adventures," Andracki said. "I can tell you how to get from Point A to Point B in so many cities."

He added that this nomadic existence has lost some of its appeal in recent years. "At the beginning of my playing career I wasn't too unhappy with the lifestyle; it wasn't too much of a hassle. I could live out of my car and hop from city to city every six months," he said. "Now, as you get older, you want to settle down. You want to have, if not a wife and a family, a dog or puppy – but I can't even have that. You're really a drifter. My parents live in Orlando now, and when I stay with them that's the closest thing I have to a home."



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However, he added that the Rhinos management has made him feel very much at home.

"Of all the teams I've played for, this is the best in terms of treating you as a professional," he remarked. "Chris (Economides) and Pat (Ercoli) are more personal and more up-front than any general manager or coach I've ever dealt with. And in this sport, I know so many guys who go to teams and when paycheck time comes, there's no paycheck."

Andracki has no plans to scale back his playing schedule any time soon, so a return to Rochester next summer is a distinct possibility. And, after a solid winter in Tampa Bay that saw rise to the No. 1 goalie status for the first time with any indoor team, Andracki is on a big roll.

"It doesn't always show up in the goals-against average, but right now my game is very good. I feel as comfortable as I have in a while, and I haven't really begun to touch the goals I've set. There are still many plateaus I want to reach."

At this point, those plateaus are all soccer-related. Andracki hopes to attain his bachelor's degree in finance over the next couple of years – he's 12 credits short – but for now, his superior athletic skills will provide the bulk of his income. "I love to play and it's my living," he concluded.

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The New Pro Sports Team in Town

Rhinos Emerge from the Jungle

It started as a casual meeting between two American Hockey League owners and has subsequently turned into an all-out sports happening this summer in the city of Rochester. ***Rhinomania*** has arrived in town, and has taken the area by storm in this soccer-rich community.

It didn't take long for Rochester Americans Hockey President and CEO Steve Donner to convince Providence Bruins Co-owner Frank DuRoss that a professional soccer team would be successful in this area. Rochester has a proud soccer tradition, one that dates back to the mid-1960's with the Rochester Lancers of the NASL and continued with the Rochester Flash in the early 1980's. The area supports over 25,000 youths that play in various organizations around the country.

Rochester has always been able to provide contending teams in the professional ranks, an area that is admittingly not a major metropolitan city, but one that has a proud tradition of championship teams, (from the Amerks Calder Cups to the Red Wings Governor's Cup trophies). The Rochester Knighthawks lacrosse team finished their second season of play in the MILL with their second trip to the playoffs. The Lancers captured the NASL title in 1970 and over 25 years later, the Rhinos hope to bring another pro soccer championship crown to this city.

The unique Rhinos ownership group combines the financial, business and hockey ownership experience of DuRoss, the fifteen years of sports marketing and management of Donner (hockey and lacrosse) and the soccer background of Chris Economides. Economides, a native of Rochester, owned the Kansas City Attack of the NPSL indoor professional league from 1991 to 1993, bringing a championship to the city in 1992-93. As general manager, Economides will assemble a team of players who combine world-class experience with a local flavor of the area's best soccer players.

The Rhinos have a 28-game regular season schedule, 14 home and 14 away. One exhibition contest against a world-class European club will be held over the summer, with other exhibition games to be scheduled as the season progresses. Rochester will play their first four home games at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium while Frontier Field is completed. The downtown multi-purpose stadium located on the corner of North Plymouth Avenue and Platt Street will feature 14,000 seats for soccer, 20 suites for corporate use, a picnic and party area during games and a terrific view of the skyline of downtown Rochester. The Rhinos will debut at Frontier Field on July 12, the first-ever sporting event to be held in the stadium.

So how does a northern city, well-known for its beautiful summers, but better known for its brutal winters, boast a nickname of a rhinoceros for its soccer team? It's all in the image, you see. The "Raging Rhino" was selected by a name-the-team contest through Gannett Rochester newspapers with over 1,500 entries collected and 500 different names suggested. Narrowed to a list of ten names, a celebrity panel, consisting of Gannett sports columnist Bob Matthews, WROC TV's Wanda Miller, WHEC TV's Rich Funke, former Lancers star Carlos Meditereri and Penfield high school coach John Butterworth chose four names to submit to Rhino management, which included Rhinos, Rampage, Ravens and Roccers.

Realizing the character and marketing possibilities of the Rhino, the team selected an animal best known for its tenacious and tough identity. "Raging" was added as a third option for the franchise name, a subtle way of telling the public that this team will not be taken for granted on the field. The Rhinos logo, a caricature of a determined rhinoceros with a soccer ball stuck on its horn, was a collaboration of ideas produced by Neil Stein of Stein Design and Bill Steinmiller of Steinmiller Design. Already a hot merchandise item around the country, Rhinowear is available in local stores or at Rhino home games.

By early March, the team had management and staff, a coach, team colors, a logo and a nickname. Now it needed players. General Manager Economides and Head Coach Pat Ercoli set out to shape a team that was an offensive power—and promptly signed five defensive players. Goalkeeper Bill Andracki led the Atlanta Ruckus to the A-League championship game last season, while sweeper Rene Rivas of Brazil won a championship with S.C. Campomaior in Portugal. Adding defender Marco Rizi from the Buffalo Blizzard indoor league along with local products Tim Ashe and Leon Minott make the Rhinos a tough line of defense.

Rochester native Andrew "Yogi" McKay, a product of Greece Arcadia high school, will head a group of midfielders with plenty of experience. McKay played last winter with the Blizzard in Buffalo and will team with fellow indoor players Tommy Tanner (Cleveland) and Danny Kelly (Harrisburg) to strengthen the midfield position for Coach Ercoli.

Getting back to the explosive offense, it took awhile for management to supply gas to the attack, but their patience has been rewarded. The Rhinos signed forward Zoran Karic, a perennial all-star and leading scorer for the Cleveland Crunch. Cleveland teammate and winger Doug Miller was also added, along with St. John Fisher grad Darrell Stuart (a native of Jamaica) and Carl Hopfinger. Expected to join the club in June is Kofi Debra, one of Ghana's brightest young stars.

Ercoli, along with Assistant Coach Frank Odoi, began training camp in early April. Teammates on the Lancers in the late 1970's, Ercoli and Odoi promise a club that is exciting, hardworking and fun to watch. Ercoli expects the first-year franchise to be competitive and challenge the league leaders.

The Rhinos will broadcast all games, home and away, on WBBF AM-950 and WBER FM-90.5. Don Stevens, the Voice of the Amerks, will slide behind the microphone to call all of the play-by-play action. Rochester will also be seen on television this season, coast-to-coast, as Prime Network will carry an A-League Game of the Week every Friday night during the summer. The Rhinos will be featured seven times, including their home opener on May 10 and their July 12 debut at Frontier Field. Locally, the Empire Sports Network will carry the Prime/A-League schedule, either live or on a tape-delayed basis.

Major League soccer is back in Rochester, and the Raging Rhinos will charge onto the scene with exciting soccer action.

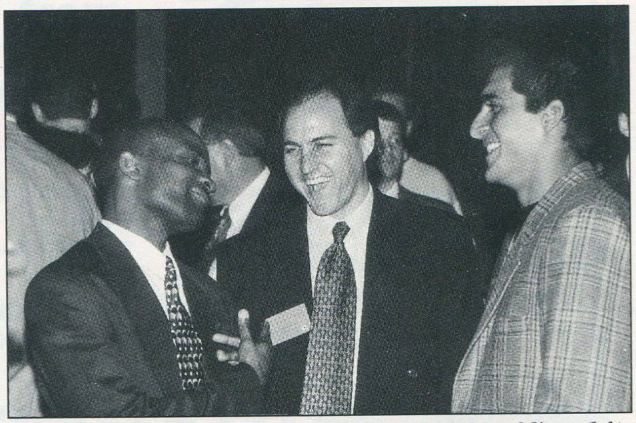


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Rhinos Head Coach Pat Ercoli (center) chats with Leon Minott (left) and Rene Rivas (right) at the Rhino logo induction reception.

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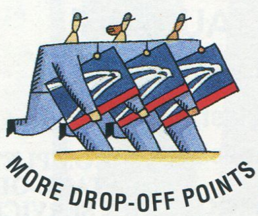
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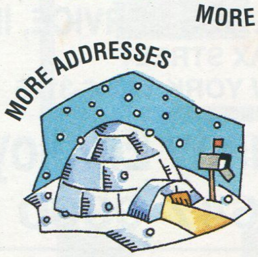
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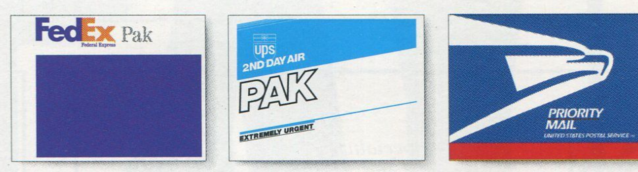


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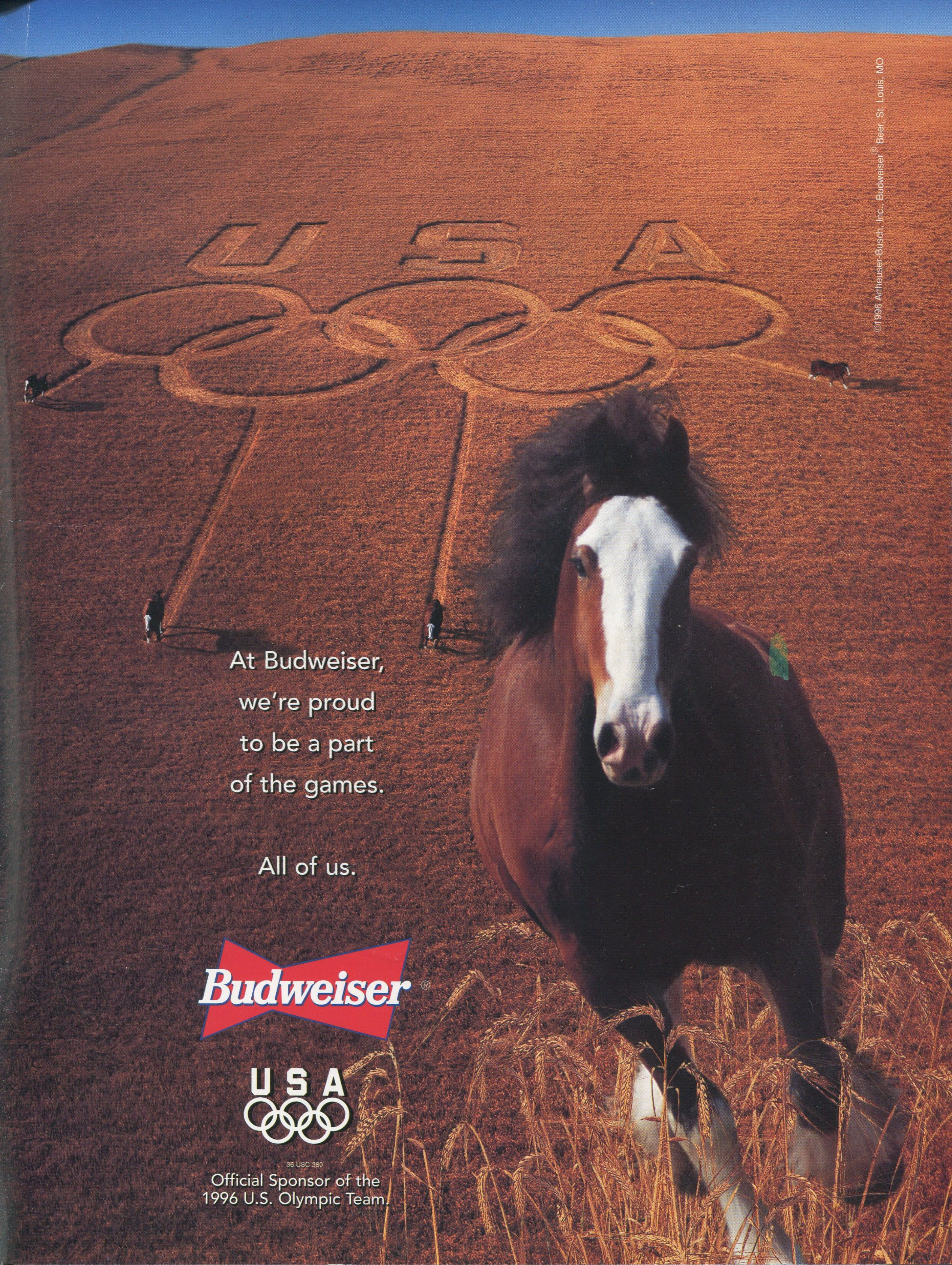
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